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At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the twenty third day of January A. D. 1850.

Organization

The following Gentlemen compose the School Committee for the present year. viz.

Hon. John P. Bigelow, Mayor Chairman

Francis Brinley. President of the Common Council

Ward 1. Rev. Edward Beecher and John Spence. 2d

2. George W. Parmenter and Edward B. Moore

3. Rev. Rollin H. Neale and Edward D. G. Palmer

4. Rev. Andrew Bigelow and Elwall F. Parcher

5. Frederick Emerson and Ninian C. Betton

6. Sampson Reed and Frederick V. Tracy

7. Rev. S. K. Lothrop and Samuel Cabot 2d.

8. Hamilton Willis and Rev. George W. Bourne

9. Rev. George Richards and John S. Holmes

10. Samuel Greele and Rev. Joseph B. Felt

11. Rev. George A. Oviatt and Joseph M. Wightman

12. Rev. George W. Bosworth and Samuel H. Lewis

All the abovenamed Gentlemen were present and took their seats. The Board was called to order by his Honor, the Mayor, who is, ex officio, Chairman.

Secretary

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Secretary - and Messrs Betton and Oviatt were appointed to receive and count the votes, who having attended to that duty reported that the whole number of votes given in was ~~twenty~~ three, all

of which were for S. F. McCleary. Jr. who was accordingly elected.

On motion of Dr. Spence, Johnson Colby was nominated and appointed Messenger of the Board. Messenger

On motion of Mr Emerson, Ordered, That the several Sub Committees, provided for by the Rules of the Board of the last year, be now appointed for the current year. Sub. committees

The following Sub Committees were accordingly nominated and appointed. viz.

On Books. Messrs. Neale, Jenks, Bigelow, Felt and Betton.

To Confer with Primary School Committee, Messrs Holmes Reed, and Moore.

On Music, Messrs, Lothrop, Greele and Bosworth.

On Erection, Alienation and Ventilation of School houses, Messrs. Emerson, Wightman and Cabot.

On the Latin School: The Mayor, Messrs Beecher, Reed, Greele and Richards — On the English High School — Messrs. Lothrop, Bigelow, Palmer, Oviatt and Cabot —

Lyman: Messrs. Parcher
Spence
Moore.

Endicott: Messrs. Spence
Emerson
Parcher

Mayhew: Messrs. Neale
Bigelow
Parmenter

Eliot: Messrs. Moore
Parmenter
Beecher.

Hancock: Messrs. Beecher
Spence
Moore

Bowdoin: Messrs. Bigelow
Reed
Tracy

Sub committees

Boylston: Messrs Willis
Cabot
Bourne

Franklin: Messrs Wightman
Bourne
Richards

Wells: Messrs Emerson
Betton
Parmenter

Mather: Messrs Jenks
Bosworth
Felt

Winthrop: Messrs Richards
Felt
Bourne

Phillips: Messrs Reed
Lothrop
Tracy

Dwight: Messrs Oviatt
Jenks
Wightman

Adams: Messrs Tracy
Holmes
Willis

Smith: Messrs Betton
Neale
Palmer

Hawes: Messrs Bosworth
Jenks
Greele

Johnson: Messrs Cabot
Holmes
Willis

Brimmer: Messrs Felt
Wightman
Holmes

Otis: Messrs Palmer
Emerson
Betton

Quincy: Messrs Greele
Neale
Oviatt

Bigelow: The President of the Common Council, Messrs Bosworth and Emerson.

Rules & Reg's adopted

On motion of Mr Wightman, Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations of the last Board be adopted, and remain in force, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr Emerson, Ordered,
That the Secretary be instructed to print for the use of the members, all the alterations and additions to the rules of the Board and Regulations of the Schools, which are made during the last year, and which are not contained in the pamphlet already printed.

Secry to print additions &c

Ordered, That the several Sub-committees be requested to ascertain what amount of money will be required to be appropriated for the use of their respective Schools for the next financial year, and report at the next Quarterly meeting in February.

Appropriations

Mr Emerson offered the following Order. That the list of members of the Primary School Committee, as furnished by the Secretary of that Board, be referred to a special committee of this Board to consider and report upon the same at the next meeting. which order was adopted and Messrs Emerson, Lothrop and Betton were appointed said committee.

Comm.ee on Primary Sch. Com.e

On motion of Mr Wightman, Messrs Wightman, Emerson and Neale were appointed a committee to be joined by a committee of the Primary School Board to consider and report what changes, if any, ought to be made in the present organization of the Grammar and Primary School Committees.

Comm.ee on re-organization of Sch. Com.e

It was then voted the following Order: That the Masters of the Grammar Schools for

Grammar Schs. for Girls. one session.

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Girls be authorized to keep school till one o'clock on days when the weather is such as, in their judgment, to render it expedient; & to dispense with the afternoon session on those days. And that they be required to keep a record of the days, on which they have exercised this privilege, and report the same quarterly to the Sub-committees of their respective schools. Read and laid on the table, a motion to suspend the rules for its passage having been lost.

Commee on Rules &c

On motion of Mr Oviatt, The President of the Common Council, Messrs Oviatt and Spence were appointed a Committee on the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday the 30th instant at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest: [illegible]

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the thirtieth day of January A.D. 1850.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole Board except Dr. Parker.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Rules of the School Committee, and the Regulations of the Public Schools, reported the Rules and Regulations of the last year, with the following amendments — which Report was accepted, and the amendments were adopted as follows, viz.

Amendments to Rules & Regulas.

1st. In the 10th line of Section 1st. Chapter I. of the Rules strike out the word "and" — and after the word "members" in the 12th line of the same section, insert "and a Committee on Temporary Instruction to consist of three members."

2d. In the 13th Section. Chapter I. of the Regulations, after the word "shall" in the fifth line, strike out the words "appoint a special committee", and insert "refer the same to the Standing Committee on Temporary Instruction".

3d. In the 2d. line of Section 3d. Chapter I. of the Rules, strike out the word "Wednesday" and insert "Tuesday"

4th. In Section 13. Chapter VI. of the Rules, strike out the whole section, and insert the following in the place thereof, viz. "At the Quarterly meeting in February, an examining Committee shall be appointed, consisting of nine members, for the English Grammar and Writing Schools; which Committee shall be joined by as many other members of the Board as can conveniently attend. This

Committee shall, in May, June or July visit all the above described Schools, and critically examine the pupils of all the classes, in all the studies prescribed by the Regulations in order to ascertain the condition of the schools; and shall report previously to the annual election of the Instructors; that the appointments of the Board, on that occasion, may be judiciously made. A similar annual and critical examination shall be made in May, June or July of the Latin School and of the English High School by the respective visiting committees of those schools: and a similar report for the same purpose, and embracing the same objects, shall be made by each of these Committees — the report in each and every instance shall be the report of a majority of the Committee, and all the reports of these Committees shall be printed and distributed among the citizens in sufficient numbers to give at least one copy to each family."

Grammar Schools for Girls — Afternoon Session —

The order in relation to the Grammar Schools for Girls was taken from the table, amended, and passed as follows — viz. Ordered, That the Masters of the Grammar Schools for Girls be authorized to keep School until one o'clock on days, when the weather is such, as in their judgment, to render it expedient, and to dispense with the afternoon session on those days — and that they be required to keep a record of the days, on which they have exercised this privilege, and report the same quarterly to the Sub-Committees of their respective Schools, to be inserted in their Quarterly Reports to the Board.

The Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of examining the list of candidates for Primary School Committee, presented a Report on that subject, in which were contained the names of five gentlemen, who are non-residents of the City, and of two, who had declined being candidates for re-election - which report was accepted, and placed on file: and, on motion of Mr Emerson, it was Resolved: That the gentlemen, whose names have been sent to this Board as candidates for appointment as members of the Primary School Committee, are hereby so appointed - excepting that five of the number who do not reside in Boston, and two of the number who have declined a re-election, are not to be included - Primary School Committee

The names of the gentlemen appointed Members of the Primary School Committee for the present year are as follows.

Levi Tucker	John J. Mestou	William P. Howard
Francis Parkman	John Woart	William Dyke
Israel P. Proctor	E. W. Goddard	J. P. Oliver
James G. Hovey	Wm H. Leamard	Alexandis Moss
T. Resteaux	John P. Ober	James Perkins
Freeborn F. Raymond	Charles E. Wiggin	Elijah Stearns
Isaiah Eaton	Dexter W. Wiswell	Henry D. Forde
John Spence Jr	William H. Leamard Jr	E. D. G. Palmer
George W. Parmenter	E. H. Tinkham	Geo Hubbard
Joseph F. White	William Eaton	Charles A. Turner
Joanmi Crosby	Abraham G. Wyman	Hiram Hackett
Eben H. Little	Charles H. Atwood	J. F. McCleary Jr
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Theodore H. Bell	Francis Brown	Sebastian Streeter

Thomas B. Hawkes.	William R. Horton	William E. Townsend
Isaac F. Edgerly	Eben Dixon	David Kimball
James B. Drew	Enoch Hobart	William H. Guild
Gorchius D. Parker	James F. Clarke	E. P. Hurtshorn
Alfred T. Turner	Frederic W. Lawyer	Francis J. Humphrey
Edmund L. Abbott	James B. Gregerson	Lorenzo L. Cragin
Benj. P. Richardson	Charles A. Phelps	William Howe
Wm. F. B. Hunt	Alvin Dimon	J. B. Hutchinson
Thomas F. Chase	Charles Desmond	Charles Brooks
Oliver Dixon	Josiah F. Bumstead	J. R. Marvin
Charles C. Burr	Daniel F. Coit	Thomas S. Wright
Elisha Field	N. Metcalf	Charles D. Cleveland
Nathan Ellis	Daniel B. Newhall	Albert L. Lincoln
Thomas A. Goddard	Greenleaf C. Sanborn	Joseph Banvard
George M. Randall	John Odin, Jr.	Joseph M. Wightman
John T. Dingley	Otis A. Skinner	A. A. Watson
Thacher Beal	Alfred Madge	Samuel Tolman
William Dall	Oliver Carter	Wm. E. Blanchard
Benj. H. Greene	Horace Thurston	Abram Simonds
William Eaton (Wd 12)	Isaac Adams	Albert J. Wright
Charles I. F. Allen	Joseph Smith	Solon Jenkins
Charles Mead	Cranston Howe	John D. Richardson
John A. Stevens	Caleb Gill	Hadwick Rich
Henry Homer	John W. Wood	Wm. P. Tucker
T. D. Cook	Jeriah Stevens	Osborn Howes
William A. Butters	Stephen Jenney	J. H. Cheney
John Putnam	Albert T. Minot	Charles E. Cook
Alexander H. Rice	Josiah H. Allen	George W. McLellan
Alvah Hobbs	Hiram R. Andrews	Stephen Tucker

Edmund Jackson	A. Parker Melvar.	S. B. Crafts
Frederick Schmidt	Luther Parks. Jr.	Azor Maynard
Joseph F. Ainsworth	Asaph B. Child	N. T. Edson
Lyman Mason	Thomas Wilder	Benj. F. Gilman
Elezur Baldwin	E. W. Blake	George Sturtevant
William H. Calrow	Morrill Cole	Ebenezer Atkins
William H. Delano	Henry Brevoort	Joseph Robbins
Lewall F. Parcher	M. L. Gove	John Atkins
David Morgan	Albert Barker	Samuel C. Allen
L. L. Livermore	Thomas G. Edmond	Jeremiah Perrott

Resolved. That the Primary School Com^tee be and they are hereby authorized to organize their body, and regulate their proceedings, as they may deem most convenient, and to remove such members thereof as, in their opinion, do not attend to their duties, and to fill all vacancies, which may occur in the same, during the year: and this Board will respectfully receive from them such communications as they may please to make on the subject of those schools. Primary Sch. Com^tee authority to organize

Petition of J. Dunham Jr and others for the organization of the Bigelow School, was read and referred to the Sub-Committee of the Bigelow School. Dunham

Ordered. That the committee to whom has been referred the petition respecting the organization of the Bigelow School, be instructed to report the number of such petitioners, who reside within the limits of the Section, in which that school is located, whose Comm^tee on residence of Petitioners.

children attend the female Hyde Grammar School of the Hawes School — also the number of those residing out of said limits, or are not parents or guardians of children attending said Hawes School.

Petitions of Mrs Lucy Clay, Mrs Clay
M. Ransom, Maria L. Tinkham, and of Ann R. Lemon Ransom
severally respecting the organization of the Bigelow School Tinkham
were referred to the Sub-committee of that school. Lemon

On motion of Mr Bosworth it was Comm^ee on
Voted, That the Sub-committees on the Hawes and Mather organiz^a. of the
Schools be united with that appointed for the Bigelow School Bigelow Sch.
to form a committee to complete the organization of the
Bigelow School.

Ordered that the School rooms Time & Opening
of all the schools under the immediate charge of this Board Schools.
shall be opened, daily, fifteen minutes before the time al-
ready prescribed for commencing the School — the object
being to afford a shelter to those scholars, who may ar-
rive early at the schoolhouse.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday
next, February sixth, at four o'clock P. M.

Attest:

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on the sixth day of February A. D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Cabot, Bourne and Holmes.

The semiannual returns were received from all the Schools except the Primmer. — Semi annual returns

The Quarterly Reports of the examinations and condition of all the Schools were read by the respective Subcommittees, and were accepted by the Board. — Quarterly Reports

The Chairman appointed the following Committees, viz. On Temporary Instruction, Messrs Oviatt, Parmenter and Bourne. To make the Annual Examination of the Grammar and Writing Schools: The President of the Common Council, Messrs Neale, Loltrop, Richards, Bigelow, Cabot, Moore, Felt and Holmes. — Committees on Temporary Instr.n — Annual Exami.n

The following Assistant teachers were nominated - for the Dwight School - Miss D. Eliza Farnsworth and Miss Eliza M. Josselyn, in place of Miss Belknap and Miss Harding: for the Winthrop School Miss Sarah E. Small and Miss Susan A. Loring in place of Miss Wood and Miss Fales. — Assistants. Dwight and Winthrop Sch.

Ordered that the sum of One hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of — Eng. High. Globes

additional Globes for the use of the English High School.

Eng. High. Cabinet.

Ordered, that the Subcommittee of the English High School be authorized to provide a suitable Cabinet, for specimens to aid in communicating instruction in Geology and Mineralogy.

Phillips. Repairs &c

Ordered, that the Committee on Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses be requested to examine the Phillips School House, particularly in reference to the substitution of one of Chilson's improved furnaces for that now in use.

Wells. Eliot Repairs &c

Ordered, that the Chairman of this Board be requested to call the attention of the City Council to the condition of the Wells and Eliot School houses, and to request, in the name of this Board, that provision be made for the repairs of the said School houses and the addition of Recitation rooms thereto.

Wells. Eliot Repairs &c

Ordered, that the Committee on the erection, alteration and ventilation of School houses be instructed to report a plan for the alteration of the Wells and Eliot School houses.

Endicott. Repairs &c

Ordered, that the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses inquire into the necessity of adding Recitation Rooms to the Endicott School - and also in relation to

playground.

Dwight Globe.

Ordered that the Sub-committee of the Dwight School be authorized to procure a terrestrial Globe for the use of the pupils in the lower room of said school.

Bowdoin Globe

Ordered that the Committee on Public Instruction be requested to provide a Celestial Globe for the use of the Teachers and pupils of the Bowdoin School and charge the same to General School Account.

Books. what changes required.

Ordered that the Committee on Books be instructed to inquire and report to this Board at its next meeting whether any alterations are needed in the Books which are in use in the Grammar Schools of this City, and in particular, whether the text book on History now in use, and the "Instructive Reader" ought to be retained.

Chapman organization

On motion of Dr. Spence, Messrs Spence, Fincher and Wightman together with the Sub-committee of the Hancock School were appointed a Committee to report a plan of organization for the Chapman School at East Boston, and were empowered to take such measures as they may deem most expedient.

Mr Willis offered the following order. Ordered. That the sum of $46.44. be paid to Miss Harriet A. Keith for services in the Johnson School, in consequence of the sickness of Miss H. Vand, a teacher in said School. Read and Referred to the Committee on Temporary

Mr Willis Keith

instruction vide page 191.

Music

Ordered, that the Committee on Music be instructed to inquire and report what are the kind & extent, if any, existing between the teachers of music and this Board.

Janitor

Ordered, that an usher be appointed to take charge of the first Division of the second Grade in the Quincy School, when a vacancy shall occur in said division. On the passage of this order the yeas & nays were suspended three fourths of the members present voting in favor of the same.

Petitions

Mr. Hill submitted the following order, viz: That the Playground of the Bolton School room shall be enlarged so as to include the same land, as was assigned to it in 1874. Said petition & the Petition of the Englesh High School.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest.

Wm. H. McCleary Jr.

Secretary

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the fifth day of March A. D. 1850.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole Board, except Messrs Bothrop, and Wiatt.

The Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of reporting a plan for the organization of the Chapman School, reported, that, after due deliberation, and a careful examination of the whole subject, the committee recommend that the Chapman School be organized upon the same plan, as the Hyman School; thus forming two departments, one for Girls, and the other for Boys: Each distinct, and under the control of separate Masters, giving instruction in all branches of study. Without presenting a detailed statement of the reasons, which led to this conclusion, the committee would recommend the passage of the subjoined orders, as embracing their views upon the subject now under consideration. In conclusion your committee would suggest, whether the present is not a favorable opportunity, to abolish one of our schools, if it can be done consistently with the wants of the public. We allude more particularly to the Old School. This subject has engaged the attention of the Board at a previous period, and a committee was appointed to consider its expediency. The reasons pointing to the feasibility of such a plan are these; the location of the School house,

Chapman School.

is Boston in the vicinity of three extensive railroads, and in close proximity to a machine shop and steam saw mill: the small normal attendance given in the last two semi-annual returns; and the opinion, which is entertained that all the pupils in attendance upon this school can be amply accommodated in the adjoining schools; also the fact, that there will be a saving of $3000 in the office of Masters alone, and that no additional force would be required in the organization of the Chapman School. The Committee felt justified in calling the attention of the Board to this inquiry. Having done this we propose not to pursue the subject any further, but leave it to the decision, and careful judgment of the Board.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee, John Prince, Jr. Chairman.

Two Departments

Ordered, That the Chapman School, at East Boston, be organized upon the "Second Plan": thus constituting two departments entirely distinct, each under the control of a separate Instructor.

Master for Girls' School

Ordered, That Loring Lothrop, Master of the Sixth Class, be transferred to the Girls Department of the Chapman School.

School District

Ordered, That the Boundary line between the Lyman and the Chapman Schools shall be as follows: From the basin, through Decatur to Chelsea Street, down Chelsea to Wesley Street, through Wesley, extended, to Havre Street, down Havre to Maverick Street, through Maverick Street, North side, to Mystic River. Those residing north of the above line are expected to attend the Chapman School, those south

of the said line, the Lyman School. Which Report was read accepted and the foregoing Order was passed.

The same committee also offered the following order viz. Ordered. That the Secretary of this Board be authorized to advertize, in the usual daily Papers, for two masters; one to fill the vacancy in the Endicott School, and the other to act as master of the Boys' department of the Chapman School. Read and laid on the Table. Secry to advertise for Masters.

The Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses, to whom were assigned several subjects for consideration at the last meeting of the Board, presented Reports upon those matters, recommending the introduction of Childs's furnaces, in the Phillips Eliot, for those now in use, and also an improvement in the mode of ventilation — the addition of recitation rooms to the Wells School, agreeably to a plan therewith submitted, — and also the addition of recitation rooms to the Endicott School House, the introduction of new desks, and a better ventilation of the cellar story. All of which reports were accepted; and it was, thereupon, ordered, that copies of the said reports be presented to the City Council, with the request of this Board, that the improvements therein proposed, may be granted, and that the work may be performed during the ensuing recess of the City Council, or in case of urgency. Reports on alterations of Phillips, Wells, & Endicott Sch.

The same committee also reported a plan for such an alteration of the Eliot School House, as would provide for the accommodation of Eliot Sch.

Eighty additional scholars, which report was read, and on motion of Mr. Moore, was recommitted, with instructions to provide larger accommodations than those reported.

Endicott Sch. re-organization

On motion of Mr Wightman, Messrs Wightman, Spence and Palmer were appointed a committee to examine, and report to this Board, the expediency of organizing the Endicott School, as a School for Boys only, and that the Girls now attending that School be transferred to other schools.

Otis School discontinuance &

On motion of Mr Reed, the above committee, together with the Chairmen of the Sub-committees of the Eliot, Endicott, Wells, Hancock and Bowdoin Schools, were directed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the Otis School, & if, in their judgment, it be thought expedient, to report a plan, by which the pupils may be provided for in other schools.

Miss Keith order to pay.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred an order for the compensation of Miss Keith for services rendered in the Johnson School, reported in favor of the passage of the same. Said report was accepted and the order adopted accordingly. (See page 14.)

Transfer of pupils

The transfer of four boys from the Quincy School Section to the Primmer School - of one boy from the Primmer School Section to the Quincy School - and of one boy from the Otis School Sect. to the Mayhew School, were all confirmed by the Board.

Report on Boylston School Sections.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of an extension of the boundaries of the Boylston School Section, reported, That they met in the Boylston School House Febru. 25th present Messrs Fell, Bourne and Richards. After listening to a full statement of the reasons for and against the proposed extension from the Masters of the Boylston and the Winthrop Schools, respectively, the Committee were of the opinion, that no sufficient reason had been adduced for their recommending to this Board an alteration of the existing Boundaries. George Richards Chairman - Read and accepted.

Brimmer Sch Usher.

Ordered, That the nomination of Mr Sumner Albee, as Usher in the Brimmer School, be confirmed he having served in said capacity, to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Mayhew Sch. Usher

Ordered, That Mr Jean F. Battles be confirmed, as Usher in the Mayhew School, he having served since his nomination, during the requisite time.

Mather Sch. Usher

Ordered, That the nomination of Mr Asa Weeks, as Usher in the Mather School, in place of Mr George T. Angell, resigned, be hereby confirmed - he having served in said capacity to the satisfaction of the Sub Committee, since Nov. 22. 1849.

Lyman Sch Teacher

Ordered, That Miss Lucy M. Wiggin be confirmed, as Teacher of the Lyman School.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next, the nineteenth instant, at 4. o'clock, P. M. Attest. Sam. F. M. Cleary. Jr Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of March A.D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board, except Messrs Betton and Willis.

Parker's History

Instructive Reader.

The Committee on Books, who were directed to consider and Report whether any alterations are needed in the books which are in use in the Grammar Schools of this City, and in particular, whether the text book on History now in use, and the Instructive Reader ought to be retained, presented reports upon the merits of each of those books, and conclude, for reasons therein expressed, that no change of those text books should be made at present. Read and laid on the table.

Endicott School organizat^n of

Otis School discontinuance of

The Committee, to whom was referred an order to examine and report upon the expediency of organizing the Endicott School as a School for Boys only, and also to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the Otis School, reported, That the Committee have given the subject, referred to them, a careful and candid consideration, and although they find that this report will not correspond with their anticipations, yet they believe that the general result of their investigations will be useful and satisfactory to the Board.

In the report of the Committee upon the Erection and Alteration of School houses sub mit.

tid to the Board at the last meeting, it was proposed to add to the Eliot School House, two class rooms containing seats and desks for eighty pupils. Upon the utility of this arrangement a doubt arose in the minds of some members of the Board, whether this would afford more than a temporary relief for the Boys of this Section, from which so large a number of Girls were provided for by the Hancock and Endicott Schools; since it appeared from the last Quarterly Reports in February that the number of seats, which either were or could be appropriated for Girls in these two school houses was 872, while for the accommodation of the Boys, from about the same area, there were but 612 seats. As it appeared but reasonable that from a given district the number of children of each sex would be very similar, and as the present time would be the most favorable, in which to make any change in the organization of the Endicott School, on account of the Master having been recently transferred, and a vacancy existing in the Girls' department: it was therefore proposed that a committee should be appointed to ascertain the facts, and report upon the expediency of any change being made at the present time.

The Committee first proceeded to learn the present condition of the schools, which were liable to be affected by the change proposed as there had been considerable additions from the Primary Schools since the Quarterly Returns were made to the Board. They also endeavored to procure what information they could, respecting their relation of the past and prospective changes in that section of the

City, which might affect the number of children, for whom seats would be required for it was evident, that if stores were erected in Eliot Square, or if there were other causes operating to reduce the number of children in the schools of that section, it would certainly be questionable policy to enlarge the present number of seats in the Eliot School, and if the reverse were the case, that causes were operating to increase the population, then the change would be still more questionable as the slight enlargement would be but temporary, and no long, other accommodations than would be afforded by the Eliot School, would be required.

With regard to the number of pupils and seats in the several schools on the 14th of March the Committee present the following statement. In the Eliot School the number of seats in the two halls is 342. number of Boys belonging 477. Maximum attendance 462, leaving 120 pupils more than the seats and who are now inconveniently taught in the Primary Room. The number of seats for Boys in the Endicott School is 270. the number belonging is 239 maximum attendance 225 being an excess of 25 pupils more than the number of seats. In the Hancock School which now occupies 10 of the 12 rooms in the School House there are 560 seats, the number belonging is 534. maximum attendance about 500. In the Girls Department of the Endicott School the number of seats is 200: the number of pupils belonging is 192; maximum attendance 180. The Committee ascertained from Examining the Records of the Schools, that the present is about the maximum number of pupils for the year, and that the number

will gradually decrease until the August vacation, when the numbers will be about 10 per cent less than they are at present. In September they will again receive an accession from the Primary Schools, and their numbers will not materially vary from those now enrolled. The Committee select the maximum instead of the average attendance because it is evident that the excess of seats in any school should be predicated upon those which are in occasional occupied by the pupils. As far as could be judged, from circumstances presented to the Committee, but little change will probably be made in the number of children in that section for several years. It is true that on the margin, stores are rapidly taking the place of dwelling houses, but as a compensation, many of the dwelling houses formerly occupied by a single family are now let as tenements, in which there are nearly as many families, as there are rooms, and as they are generally foreigners, of a class, in which children constitute their principal property, and they are usually rich in this respect, your committee do not believe that the number of children will for some years vary materially from those now in the schools. The Committee believe that, at the present time, it might be possible to accommodate all the Girls of the Endicott, at the Hancock School, but if any contingency should arise, so as to cause a discontinuance of the Catholic Charity School, now in operation in that vicinity, it would add 150 to the present number, but a few of whom could be accommodated in the Hancock, if the Girls of the Endicott school were transferred.

The uniting of the Endicott with the Hancock School would also involve the erection of a Primary School House for the two primary schools now in the Hancock School building, and, in addition would require an entire alteration of the district lines of the several schools. From these considerations your committee recommend that the Eliot School house be enlarged by the addition of two Class rooms and two recitation rooms, and that the Endicott School be continued under its present organization as a School for little children.

With regard to the Otis School your committee would report, that there are now belonging to the school 429 pupils, the maximum attendance being about 400. The number seats is 428. From the number of times that the discontinuance of this school has been alluded to in reports, and otherwise presented to the notice of the Board it is evident that there must be some foundation for the feelings which have been expressed toward it, and for the second time at least has brought the matter under the consideration of a Special committee.

The main question which was presented to the notice of your committee was, whether a school was required in the district, in which the Otis School was located.

From an investigation made by Mr George Adams, the publisher of the Boston Directory, the committee learned that in a portion of the Otis School district, comprising only seven streets there were 703 children, between the ages of 5 and 15, and the committee believe that, after making all due allowances, the present district of the

Otis School will furnish an average of at least 400 children for a Grammar School. It is apparent therefore that before this school could be dispensed with, the question must be settled, how the pupils now attending the School could be provided for. The Committee have shown in a former part of this report, that but a very few girls and no Boys could be accommodated at the Endicott School, and although a considerable number (yet not all) of the Boys could be transferred to the Mayhew School. The Wells school has but 400 seats for 445 pupils and the Bowdoin could only receive a small portion of the Girls even if the distance of the latter was not a radical objection. From these circumstances it was plain to the committee that a school was needed to meet the wants of this section of the City. This point settled, the next consideration was, whether the Otis School was justly liable to the odium and feeling, which has been exhibited towards it in various ways. It is probably correct to state that the present population of the district does not furnish so high a class of children, as that of some other schools. But the committee believe that the Otis School section comprises, within its limits; a class of children, which will favorably compare with the average of most of the other schools, and that the great drawback to its success and to the consideration of the citizens, lies almost entirely in the unfortunate location, in which it has been placed. Amid the noxious atmosphere of stables, distilleries and oil factories - the noise of carpenters at work - the rattling of Planing machines, the buzzing of saw mills the

puffing and smoking of Steam Engines - and surrounded on all sides by the miserable abodes of a degraded and destitute population, it certainly can but be viewed as a hardship to be obliged to send one's children to such a place: forming, as it does, so great a contrast with other schools; and as a school location one that could scarcely be recalled for its total unfitness in any other part of the city. With these views your committee would express their opinion, that the Otis School should be removed from its present location, and they would respectfully suggest to the Board the propriety of requesting the City Council to sell the land on which it stands, and to reserve a suitable lot from the Jail land on Causeway Street for the erection of a new School house. The removal of the Jail from Leverett Street, and the consequent building over of the land, which it now occupied will introduce a much increased if not a larger population in that section, and your committee anticipate that, by the time that the land will be vacated, the School districts could be so arranged, as to provide for the Boys in the Otis School in other schools, and allow a school house to be erected of moderate size for Girls only. Such an arrangement it is believed would be attended with but little expense to the City, and besides being a great source of gratification to the citizens now residing in that section, would in all probability conduce to a more advantageous Sale of the Jail land, from the proximity of an eligible, pleasantly-located, and convenient School House.

The Committee would therefore conclude this Report by

recommending to the Board the adoption of the accompanying Resolutions and Order. For the Committee. Joseph M. Wightman.

Resolved. That it is inexpedient to make any change in the present organization of the Endicott School.

Resolved. That it is inexpedient to discontinue the Otis School.

Ordered. That the Chairman of this Board respectfully request the City Council to reserve a suitable lot of land from that, which may be rendered vacant by the removal of the Jail from Leverett Street, upon which to erect a School House, to supersede that, now occupied by the Otis School, in Lancaster Street. Read and accepted and the Resolved and Order passed. — Order relative to Jail Land

On motion of Dr Spence, it was — Secry to advertise for Masters

Ordered, That the Secretary be authorized to advertise in the usual City papers for two Masters, one to fill the vacancy in the Girls' department of the Endicott School: the other to take charge of the Boys' department of the Chapman School. Said advertisement to appear until April 1st

Messrs Spence, Moore and — Chapman Sch. Sub-Comee

Parcher were nominated and appointed as the Sub-Committee of the Chapman School.

Dr Spence offered the following — Examinn of Candidates

Order - That Committees be appointed in accordance with the rules, to conduct the Examination of the several applicants for the offices of Master of the Endicott, and of the Chapman Schools; and that the

Candidates be examined at the City Hall on Monday, April 1st at 10 o'clock A.M. Which order was adopted, the rules having been suspended by three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

On motion of Mr Emerson, the above committee were appointed a Joint Committee to conduct the examination of the candidates for both vacancies; the Rules having been suspended for the purpose of the passage of this order.

Mayhew and Phillips Schs.

Ordered. That the Subcommittees of the Mayhew and Phillips Schools be requested to examine, and report to the Board, what change, if any, should be made in the district lines of those two schools, to increase the number of pupils in the Mayhew School.

Putnam.

Order to pay.

[vide page 44]

Mr Grele offered the following order. That Mrs S. C. Putnam receive $34.61 for services as substitute for Miss L. A. Bowler of the Quincy School during her illness of six weeks. Read, and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Quincy Sch.

Usher

Mr James C. Brown was nominated as Usher of the Quincy School, subject to the usual term of probation.

Quincy Sch.

Outline Maps

Ordered, That the Subcommittee of the Quincy School be authorized to procure, for that School, an additional set of Pelton's Outline Maps.

The transfer of four Girls from the Otis School Section to the Bowdoin School was confirmed by the Board. — Transfer of Pupils

The Committee on Music, who were instructed to inquire and report, what are the terms of contract, if any, existing between the Teachers of Music and this Board, reported. At a meeting of this Board held on the 24th of May 1848, the following orders reported by the committee on Music, were adopted. "Ordered, That after the next August vacation, the organization of the musical department of the Grammar Schools shall be as follows. — Report on Music

1st That two lessons, of 30 minutes each, shall be given in each week to each pupil.

2d That in the Adams, Bowdoin, Hancock, Smith and Quincy Schools the musical instruction shall be given in the large Hall, to all the pupils simultaneously. For each of said schools the Superintendent shall receive $100 per annum, pianos included.

3d That in the Eliot, Franklin, Boylston, Wells, Mather-Brimmer, Phillips and Otis schools the Superintendent shall give musical instruction to the two upper classes; and for such instruction he shall receive for each school the sum of $100, as salary per annum, pianos included. For the eight above mentioned schools there shall be musical instruction given to the two lower classes by such female teacher, submaster, or usher as may be found in that school, capable of giving such instruction, and every such teacher shall receive $25 per annum as Salary.

4th That in the Hawes, Johnson, Winthrop, Lyman, En-

dicott; Mayhew and Dwight School, there shall be two Teachers in each building, and a musical lesson be given by the Superintendent in each of the two departments. For each department the Superintendent shall receive $80. per annum, as salary, Pianos included".

-At a meeting of this Board held on the ninth of August 1848. the Committee on Music nominated Messrs. Lowell Mason, and Benjamin F. Baker for re-election, as Teachers of Music which nomination was confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly - and the foregoing order in relation to Salaries and modes of instruction went into operation at the opening of the schools in September of that year.

At a meeting of this Board in August 1849. when, according to our Rules, the Committee on Music should have nominated teachers for election for the current year, that duty was neglected by the Committee - so that, at this moment, there is no contract existing between the Teachers of Music and this Board, but that which was entered into in August 1848. Those gentlemen however receiving no official notice of their appointment or of their dismission, commenced their duties with the opening of the schools in September last, and have continued to discharge them in conformity with the order above recited, and have received from the City Treasurer their Quarterly Salaries therefor. In view of these facts, and that no legal embarassments may arise, the Committee would submit the following order, and would ask (if necessary) to have the rules suspended that it may be

be adopted. For the Committee. S. K. Lothrop.

Read and accepted and the order, after an amendment, passed, as follows. Ordered. That Messrs Lowell Mason and Benjamin F. Baker be and they hereby are appointed teachers and Superintendents of Music in the Grammar Schools for the current school year to give instruction and receive compensation in conformity with the existing orders of the Board adopted May 24th. 1848. Music teachers appointed

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The Committee, appointed to complete the organization of the Bigelow School reported. That The Committee met on the 23d ult, and took into consideration the subject of a plan, in accordance with which they should perform the work entrusted to them. It appears in the Records of the Board, that near the close of last year, a Committee of seven was appointed to propose and submit a plan of organization for the new school in Ward XII. and to recommend a suitable name for the same &c. The Report of that Committee was duly presented and adopted unanimously; and in accordance with it Messrs Bosworth, Lewis and Bates were appointed a Committee to carry into effect the plan therewith adopted. The following extract from that Report will furnish this Board a correct and complete view of that plan. "Your Committee find three Grammar Schools already existing as separate organizations, and in successful operation in Ward XII. In re-arranging these schools, the chief thing to be sought, it seems to your Committee, is their proper distribution for the occupancy of the three school houses. And it further seems desirable to adopt Bigelow Sch. organization of

such a plan of distribution, as shall disturb the present organizations as little as possible. The following plan appears in the judgment of your committee the most feasible and judicious, and is submitted for the adoption of the Board. Allow the three schools now existing to retain their present form of organization, which seems desirable for many reasons. Transfer the Girls' School now occupying the upper room in the Hawes School to the new House when ready for occupancy. To secure a proper apportionment of the pupils, remove the line of division between the two districts from D. street to the middle of C. street, which was formerly the line of division, till the more rapid increase of the upper district made the change necessary. Adopting this plan the Mather School will be left undisturbed, with the number of its pupils so diminished, as to relieve it. The Boys' School in the upper district would be enlarged, and would be accommodated with ample rooms in the Hawes Hall. The Girls' school also enlarged would find similar accommodations in the New House.

The unexpected delay in the completion of the Bigelow School House prevented the execution of this plan by the committee entrusted with this duty, before their authority terminated, and the present Board came into power, But the majority of your committee believe this plan to be the most practicable and judicious and its speedy execution exceedingly desirable.

The Chairman of the Sub committee appointed for the Bigelow School presented to your committee a Petition

signed by Mr J. Dunham Jr. and twenty five others, expressing the opinion, that Mr F. Crafts is better fitted to have charge of a Boys' than of a Girls' School, and praying that he might be transferred to some other school, and some other Master appointed for the Bigelow School. He also presented four other petitions signed by 168 parents or guardians of pupils attending the Hawes School remonstrating against granting the prayer of the above named petition and asking, that the plan, adopted by the Board last year, might be carried out. These papers were attentively considered. On an examination made, by direction of an order of this board, it was found, that eight of the signers to the first petition live out of the limits proposed for the Hawes and Bigelow Schools: and that only nine out of the 25 signers have either children or wards attending the female department of the Hawes School. On the other hand, the 168 remonstrants are mothers or guardians whose children are actually pupils in said school.

It seemed evident to your committee, that they had no power to grant the prayer of the first named petition and equally evident that the board would not do it. If sufficient reasons exist to make such a step desirable for the Bigelow School in all probability the same reasons would make such a step most detrimental to the interests of any other school. A minority of your committee were in favor of appointing a time, when the petitioners might have a hearing on this subject. But while the majority desired to respect and observe the rights of petition, in this case, to its fullest extent, they believed such a course unadvisable. The petitioners neither asked, nor had they intimated any desire or expectation

for a hearing. They made no complaint in their papers against the Master of the Girls' Department of the Hawes School: only expressed their opinion as to his comparative fitness as a Teacher for a Boys' or Girls' School. It was believed that such a hearing could not result in any immediate change in the Masterships of the above named school and that it might result in serious detriment to its best interests. Besides, some of your Committee well know, that for three years past and more, no complaint has been made in this Board or to the Subcommittee on the Hawes School against the Master in question. And it is reasonable to conclude that he will be more earnest and more successful in his efforts to discharge his duties faithfully and acceptably should he be permitted the better accommodations of the Bigelow School House. Still more if a change is decided and desirable, the proper time for attempting and making that change will soon come when it can be accomplished honorably and fairly to the interests and feelings of all parties concerned. For these considerations it seemed very undesirable to the majority of your committee to delay the organization of the School and invite a hearing on the petitions. After full deliberation the following resolution was adopted (two of the committee dissenting) "Resolved, That this committee proceed to organize the Bigelow School in accordance with the plan adopted by the Board last year, so soon as the completion of the House will permit, and that the Chairman hereof report our doings to the Board of the Board."

The crowded state of the Hawes and Mather schools

renders the immediate occupancy of the Bigelow School house most necessary. Above three hundred pupils are now connected with these schools more than there are seats for in the principal rooms in those two school houses. The health of both teachers and scholars has already suffered and the proficiency of the latter, and the success of the former, have been, and must be, greatly diminished. Your Committee most respectfully request the Board to take such action on this subject, as shall prevent any further unnecessary delay in the completion of the New House, and the organization of the Bigelow School - and recommend the passage of the following orders. Respectfully submitted. George W. Bosworth, Samuel H. Dodd, Joseph B. Felt, Samuel Eliot. Ordered. That the Committee appointed to complete the organization of the Bigelow School be authorized to adopt the plan approved by the School Board of last year, and recommended in the Report of the Majority of said Committee: and that they be respectfully requested to proceed in this work with the least possible delay. Ordered. That the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Government be respectfully and earnestly requested to procure the completion of the Bigelow School House as soon as possible. Read, accepted and the orders passed.

A minority Report on the subject of the organization of the Bigelow School, signed by Messrs Brinley and Emerson, was read to the Board.

Grammar School Hours, change of

Mr Holmes offered the following order - That the hours for keeping the Schools on the first Monday

in April to the first Monday in October shall be from 8 o'clock A.M. until 11. and from 2 o'clock P.M until 5 - and that so much of the 14 Sect. of Chapter 2d. of the Regulations as relates to the school hours between said first Monday in April and first Monday of October be and hereby is repealed. (Vide page 38)

Special adjourn.

Pending the discussion of which order the Board adjourned to Tuesday next the twenty sixth inst. at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

Jno. W. Clarke Clerk.

If a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the Twenty sixth day of March A.D. 1850.

Present

The whole Board except Messrs Cabot, Pratt and Bosworth. In the absence of the Mayor, the President of the Common Council presided.

Phillips School. Master resigns.

Mr Reed read to the Board the resignation of Mr S.S. Greene, Master of the Phillips School which was accepted and placed on file.

He also offered the following order, which was read and laid over under the rules. viz.

Phillips School re-organization &c.

Ordered, That the Sub-committee of the Phillips School be authorized to organize that school on the third plan instead of the first: and to place the same under the charge of Mr Samuel Swan, as Master.

Ordered. That the same subcommittee be authorized to employ a Sub-master in addition to two ushers and two assistant teachers as now employed in the school.

On motion of Mr Holmes the order offered by him at the last meeting of the Board, relative to a change of School hours, was adopted. (Vide page 36.) School Hours changed

On motion of Dr. Bigelow Messrs Bigelow, Neale and Cabot were appointed a Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of establishing two or more Evening Schools for the benefit of those classes of our population, who are incapacitated by age or other causes from attendance on our public Day Schools. Evening Schools for Adults.

Mr Wightman offered the following order. viz. Ordered. That the number of Medals and Certificates of Merit to be awarded in each School shall be based upon the number of pupils belonging to the School. Medals and Certificates [vide page 47]

Ordered. That each School shall be entitled to one Medal and one of each of the Certificates of Merit, for every sixty scholars upon the School Register. But in any school, where the number of scholars in the first class is comparatively small, the number of Medals awarded shall be proportionably less: and it shall never exceed one third of the candidates examined. In any school, where there are no scholars much advanced in improvement, no Medals shall be awarded.

Ordered. that the rules be amended

to Messrs Eliot, Ellis, O. and Littlefield the above. Read and said Com. to be.

Eliot School House. alteration.

The Committee on the Erection, Alteration & Ventilation of School Houses, to whom was recommitted a Special Report upon the alteration of the Eliot School House, presented a report upon that subject accompanied by a plan of the proposed addition to the School House, by which increased accommodations for 100 additional scholars are provided; which report and plan were accepted, and it was thereupon

Ordered: That a copy of the said Report be presented to the City Council, with the request of this Board that the improvements therein proposed may be adopted: and that the work may be performed during the School vacation of May, or during that of August.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next April 2d at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest: John O'M. Clark Jr.
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the second day of April A. D. 1850.

Present

The whole Board except Mr Avratt. In the absence of the Mayor, the President of the Common Council presided.

Dr Spence, from the Committee appointed to examine Candidates for the Offices of Master of the Chapman School, and of Master of the Endicott School, presented the names and merits of six gentlemen, whom the Committee recommended as suitable candidates to fill said vacancies. Which Report was read and accepted; and the Board thereupon proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Master for the Endicott School. And the votes being taken and counted it appeared that John P. Averill was chosen. Chapman Sch. Endicott Sch.

The Board then proceeded, by ballot to the choice of a Master for the Chapman School: and the votes being taken and counted, it appeared that Joseph T. Hall was chosen. Master chosen

On motion of Mr Wightman, the rules of the Board were suspended, and Mr Averill was appointed Master of the Chapman School, and Mr Hall was transferred to the Endicott School. Master chosen

The Annual Return of the condition of the Schools in the City of Boston, as prepared by the Secretary, was signed, and sworn to, by the members Annual Return

of the Committee, agreeably to the requirements of the Statutes of this Commonwealth.

Phillips Sch. re-organization

Mr Emerson called up the orders, offered by Mr Reed at the last meeting of the Board, relative to a re-organization of the Phillips School: and the question being taken on their passage, the same were rejected.

Phillips Sch. vacancy in.

On motion of Dr. Beecher, it was ordered, that the vacancy now existing in the Grammar Department of the Phillips School, be filled at the next meeting of the Board; and that the Sub-committee of the Phillips School be added to the recent examining Committee of the Endicott and Chapman Schools, for the purpose of reporting to the Board the names of suitable candidates to fill said vacancy.

Commee not to advertise &c

Mr Emerson moved that said Joint Committee be authorized to dispense with the duty of advertising for and examining candidates. Which motion was laid on the table.

Transfer of pupils

The transfer of a boy from the Mayhew School District, and of one from the Boylston School District, to the Adams School was confirmed by the Board.

Bulfinch. Aborn.

Orders to pay the sum of twenty six dollars to Miss M. O. Bulfinch, and to pay fifteen dollars to Miss E. J. Aborn, both of the Lyman School, were read, and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

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The nomination of Miss Sarah E. Lincoln, as Assistant Teacher, in the Lyman School, was confirmed by the Board. — Lyman Sch Teacher.

Ordered: That the Latin, English High, and Grammar Schools be allowed a vacation for the remainder of the week after the approaching Fast Day. — Fast Day vacation

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next at 4 o'clock. P.M.

Attest.

Jam. W. McCleary Jr.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of April, A.D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole Board, except Mr Richards.

A communication from a Joint Special Committee of the City Council, who were directed to take into consideration the expediency of having a Superintendent of the Public Schools, and requesting that a Sub-committee may be appointed from this Board, with whom they may confer upon the subject aforesaid, was read, and laid on the Table. — Com^n from City Council. Superintendent of Schools.

Phillips School

Mr Reed, from the Committee appointed to report the names of candidates for the office of Master of the Grammar Department of the Phillips School, reported the names and merits of three gentlemen, as suitable candidates to fill said vacancy: which Report was read and accepted; and the Board thereupon proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Master for the Phillips School: and the votes being taken and counted, it appeared that James Hovey was Elected.

Master chosen

Rejection of Com^e on re-organizing School Committees

Mr Hallman, from the Committee appointed, on the twenty third day of January last, to consider the expediency of re-organizing the Grammar and Primary School Committee System, made a Report in part upon that subject, and recommended the passage of two orders: which were read and laid on the Table, to await a further and more complete report of said Committee.

Books

Dr. Moore then called up the Reports of the Book Committee, relative to the inexpediency of discontinuing the use of "The Instructive Reader" and of "Parker's Outlines of History", in the Grammar Schools. Which reports were read to the Board, and after a long discussion, the question being taken upon their acceptance, the same were rejected.

Tower & Walker's Reader.

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On motion of Dr. Moore, it was ordered, that Tower and Walker's Second Class Reader take the place of "The Instructive Reader", as a Reader in the Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That Worcester's History be substituted for "Parker's Outlines of History," as a text book in the Grammar Schools. Worcester's Hist-y

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred an order to pay Miss Putnam for services as substitute in the Quincy School reported in favor of the passage of said order. Which report was accepted. Putnam - order to pay [vide page 29]

The Board then adjourned

Attest:

Tom. T. McCleary. Jr.

Secretary.

[illegible] of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday May 7th A.D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole Board, except Messrs Willis and Spence and Oviatt.

The Quarterly Reports of the examinations of all the Schools were read by the respective Sub-committees, and ordered [illegible] Quarterly Reports

A Petition from John D. Philbrick, Master of the Quincy School, to be re- Philbrick

demnified for the costs of a lawsuit decided against him in the punishment inflicted on a boy under his charge for misdemeanor committed out of school, was read

Ordered, That the sum of Four hundred and thirty four dollars and seventy one cents be paid to Mr John D. Philbrick [illegible], according to the prayer of the petitioner.

Franklin Sch Teacher

Ordered, That Miss Frances E. Field be confirmed, as an assistant teacher in the Franklin School, she having served the usual term of probation required by the Rules, with satisfaction to the Committee and Master of the School, Salary to commence March 1. 1850.

Johnson Sch. New Bldg

Ordered, That the Committee on the erection, alteration and ventilation of School houses take into consideration the advisability of adding a wing to the Johnson School House.

Winthrop Sch. Teacher

Ordered, That Miss Susan A. Loring, having passed the prescribed probation, be confirmed as Assistant Teacher in the North Winthrop School.

Hawes Sch. Sub-master

Ordered, That Charles F. Morrill be second grand Usher in the Hawes School, be appointed Submaster in the same, this order to take effect from the first of May instant.

Bigelow Sch Teacher

Ordered, That Rebecca Mason Harris be confirmed as teacher in the Bigelow School, the

having served the usual probation in the Hawes School.

Non-resident Teachers.

Mr Emerson offered the following Resolve. Resolved: That from and after the month of August next, all the teachers under the immediate Supervision of this Board, shall be residents of the City; saving and excepting, that this requirement shall not apply to such teachers, as have been in the School service of the City for the two years last past, and are at this time residing out of the City. Read and laid on the Table.

Com^ee of inquiry on Non-residents

On motion of Mr Solthrop, it was Ordered. That Messrs Solthrop, Bacher and Bigelow be a Committee to inquire and report, how many Teachers of the Public Grammar Schools reside out of the City – the reasons in each case for such residence; and whether any, and if any, what inducements to the Public Teachers to reside in the residence of any of the teachers now in the City.

Salaries

On motion of Dr. Moore, Messrs Moore, Felt and Tracy were appointed a Committee to inquire and report to this Board at their first meeting in August next, whether, consistently with the principles of equity and economy, any alterations can and ought to be made in the salaries of any of the teachers of the Public schools of this City.

Bulfinch

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom were referred the orders upon the application of Misses Bulfinch and Abom of the Lyman School, are of opinion, that there is no good and sufficient

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[illegible] the Committee on Education be instructed to report to the Board of the Ordered. Mr the Committee George H. Farnsworth. Read and accepted.

Committee on Education, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses

Ordered: That the Committee on the Education, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses be requested to visit the Mather School on the first rainy day, and endeavor to ascertain, and cause to be removed, any nuisance that may be found in or around said school edifice.

Chamberlain

Ordered: That Miss Chamberlain be continued as Teacher in the Chapman School. An order to pay Miss Chamberlain one hundred and twelve 50/100 dollars for services rendered [illegible] to the Committee on Evening Instruction.

Medals and Certificates [illegible]

[vide page 38.]

The orders, offered by Mr Wightman, relative to the number of Medals and Certificates to be awarded in the Schools, which were laid on the table on the twenty [illegible], were taken therefrom and adopted, a motion to amend, by striking out the last paragraph of [illegible] was [illegible].

Hawes and Winthrop Schs Nominations

Henry C. Hardon was nominated as Usher in the Hawes School; and Caroline A. Rogers as Assistant in the Mather Winthrop [illegible].

Mr. Jenks offered the following order.

Ordered, That a Committee to ascertain and report upon the relative powers established by law, of the School Committee and the other branches of the City Government, in the matter of electing Teachers or other agents of said Committee and of fixing their salaries: also to consider the expediency of petitioning the Legislature for a special Act or for an amendment of the City Charter, whereby the School Committee of Boston may exercise equal powers with those secured by the Statutes of the Commonwealth to all corporate Towns within the State. Powers of the School Committee

Pending the consideration of which order the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Chas. F. W. Clapp Jr.

Secretary.

At a Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on the eighteenth day of June A.D. 1870

Present,

The Chairman and the whole Board, except the President of the Common Council, Messrs Moore, Neale, Belton, Reed, Lamson, Wabot and Bosworth.

School celebration Fourth of July

The Chair presented a communication from the Committee of the City Council having charge of the arrangements for celebrating the next anniversary of American Independence, tendering an invitation to this Board to unite with them in a School celebration on the morning of that day; which was read, and thereupon

Ordered, That the invitation from the Committee of the City Council to this Board, to unite with them in the School Celebration on the morning of the Fourth of July, be accepted, and that this Board request the instructors of the Latin and English High Schools and of the Male and Female Grammar Schools, to cordially co-operate with the Committee of Arrangements from the City Council, in all measures calculated to make this celebration one, which shall reflect the highest credit on the Public Schools and the City, of which they are the most cherished ornament.

On motion of Mr Wightman it was

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Board, a School

Festival of the School Committee, Teachers and Medal Scholars should be held at Faneuil Hall on the day of the Annual Exhibition of the Grammar Schools. School Festival.

Resolved — That the Master and Usher be respectfully requested to make such arrangements for a School Festival, on Tuesday afternoon, July 30. 1850. as to them may seem expedient, in conformity with previous usage.

On motion of Mr Holmes, Messrs, Committee to confer with Comee of Arrangments.
Steele, Emerson, Pratt, Tracy and Holmes were appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of the City Council, on the celebration of the next Fourth of July, concerning the arrangements fit and necessary for the preservation of order among, and the due comfort of, the pupils of the Public Schools of the City, participating in the approaching Municipal Celebration of that day.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction Miss Chamberlin
having considered the order referred to them at the last meeting to pay Miss Chamberlain of the Chapman School one hundred and twelve 50/100 dollars, would report against the passage of the same, and recommend the following. For the Committee. George W. Pannenter. Ordered, That the Sub Committee of the Lyman School be authorized to draw the amount of Seventy five dollars from the salary due to Miss Prescott, and that it be paid to Miss Chamberlain for services as substitute in said School. Report accepted and the order passed.

Solon Jenkins

Petition of Solon Jenkins and others, for leave to hold Temperance Meetings in the Hall of the Bigelow School House on Sunday evenings, which was referred by the City Council to this Board, was read and thereupon ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Goodenow's Gram. / Ropes' Perspective.

Goodenow's Elements of Grammar, and Ropes' Linear Perspective were referred to the Committee on Books.

Walker

Petition of Ezra Walker, a citizen of Quincy, that his sons may be permitted to continue at the Latin School was read, and laid on the table.

Hancock Sch. Teacher

Ordered, That Miss Lucy H. Ripley be confirmed as a teacher in the Hancock School, she having served the requisite time and that her salary be paid from March 15 to the close of the quarter ending May 31.

Lyman Sch. Teacher

Ordered: That Mrs Caroline C. Metcalf be confirmed as Teacher of the Lyman School. Her pay to commence from February 7th. last past.

Report on the Bigelow Sch.

The Committee on the Bigelow School take occasion to report that, since the last Quarterly Meeting of the Board the Bigelow School House has been delivered over to the Committee of the School by the City Council, and the school has been organized therein. The Building is an elegant structure, four stories high, and will accommodate six hundred scholars.

An inspection of the building has been made, by the Committee of the School, in company with other gentlemen immediately interested in the matter, and all the arrangements were found to be well adapted to their purpose. Special examination was made of the arrangements for warming and airing the rooms, and the result was decidedly satisfactory. Each story is warmed by a separate furnace; and each room has two outlets for the escape of foul air. The Committee witnessed the kindling of the fire in one of the furnaces - noticing the quantity of coal used and the quantum of heat generated. From this experiment it appeared evident that the apparatus must be free from any objection on the score of quantity of fuel required. The furnaces are of Mr Chilson's late pattern and were set under his own immediate direction.

There is in this School house, one unusual fixture, which requires to be noticed, not only on account of its novelty, but, more especially on account of the way in which it was furnished. We allude to a handsome tower clock, so fixed in the upper story as to display external dials on two opposite sides of the building. This Clock was placed in the Building, and presented to the City for the use of the School and the neighborhood by our esteemed fellow citizen, the present Mayor, whose name the School has the honor to bear.

For the Committee, H. Emerson.

Read, and accepted, and on motion of Mr Parmenter it was unanimously Voted: That the Thanks of the Board of School Committee be tendered to his Honor, the Mayor for the valuable present of a

Thanks to Mayor

Clock to the Bigelow School at South Boston.

To which his Honor the Chairman made a suitable reply.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest: Jam[es] M Cleary Jr. Secretary

At a Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, upon the written request of three members of the Board -

Present

The whole Board except the Chairman, Messrs Beecher Hale, Porcher, Lothrop, Cabot, Willis, Greele and Felt.

The President of the Common Council presided.

Endicott Sch. authority to close.

On motion of Dr. Spence, it was ordered, that the Sub-committee of the Endicott School be authorized to close said school, if found necessary, and that the Exhibition may take place at some time previous to the regular period; and further, that it is desirable that the intended repairs be completed with all possible despatch.

School Festival

The Board, Mayor and Aldermen having visited, and considering the City last so recently furnished a Festival to the children of the first Classes of our Public Schools, with their Instructors; and also, in view

of the recent calamity, which afflicts our beloved Country, by which Faneuil Hall is very suitably placed in Mourning, as well as the City Hall, - the Committee unanimously decide to dispense with any collation on the day of the Public School Examination:

On motion of Mr Wightman it was Resolved: that this Board regret that any circumstance should have induced the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to dispense with the usual School Festival at Faneuil Hall, the present year. — School Festival

Resolved: that, as a substitute for this Festival, it is expedient for this Board to call together the Teachers and Medal Scholars at one convenient Hall, on the afternoon of the Day of Exhibition, that they may exchange congratulations, and participate in such entertainment, as it may be thought proper to provide.

Messrs Wightman, Emerson, Tracy, Holmes and Spence were appointed a committee to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect. — Com^ee. of arrangements

On motion of Mr Bosworth Ordered, that the Committee on the School Festival be requested to confer with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on that subject. — Conference with Mayor & Aldermen

Mr William A. Basto was confirmed as an Usher in the Dwight School, he having served in said capacity for more than three months; his salary to commence on the first of March 1850. — Dwight Sch. Usher.

Miss Henrietta Draper was confirmed as an Assistant teacher in the Dwight School - her salary to commence on the first of March. 1850. — Dwight Sch. Teacher.

Hyde. order to pay.

Ordered. That nine dollars and seventy five cents be paid to George B. Hyde, Master of the Dwight School — that sum having been paid by him for binding the "Encyclopedia Americana".

Curtis

An Order to pay the sum of Seventeen dollars and twenty cents to miss Eliza J. Harding of the Dwight School, as compensation for a substitute during a period of three weeks, was referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Sawyer

An Order to pay the sum of Forty six 100 dollars to George A. Sawyer of the Dwight School, as compensation for a substitute from Febry 7. to March 1st 1850, was referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Truants

On motion of Mr Tracy, Ordered that the City Council be requested to enact such Ordinances and By-laws in conformity with the laws of this Commonwealth, Chap 194 passed May 3d. 1850: concerning Truant Children and absentees from School", as they may deem most conducive to the welfare of the Schools and good order of the City.

Mr Holmes offered the following order -

Lectures

Ordered. That no person be permitted to lecture on any subject before any of the Public Grammar Schools of this City, except by vote of the School Board. Read and laid on the table.

The Board then adjourned

Attest: Jam. C. McCleary, Jr.

Secy

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the sixth day of August A.D. 1850.

Present-

The Chairman and the whole Board, except the President of the Common Council, and Messrs Palmer, Bigelow, Emerson, Holmes, Greele and Oviatt.

Semi annual returns & Quarterly Reports

The Semi-annual returns were received from all the Schools except the Eliot ——— and the Quarterly Reports from all the Schools were read by their respective Subcommittees and were accepted by the Board.

Webster's Dicty

On motion of Dr. Beecher—

Ordered: that in compliance with the arrangements of the State for placing a copy of some English Dictionary in the Schools of this State, a copy of Webster's Quarto of the last Edition, be placed in each of the Schools of this City.

Jarvis' Physiology

Willard's Time

Wayland's Moral Science.

The Committee on Books presented three several Reports recommending — Jarvis' Physiology as a substitute for Cutter's Anatomy now in use: — that Willard's Map of Time, and the Historic Guide be furnished to each of the Grammar Schools — and that Wayland's Elements of Moral Science be used by the first Classes of the Grammar Schools — Read and laid on the table.

Sherman

Snow

Isothrop

Orders to pay fifty four dollars to Miss Eloia A. Sherman for nine weeks services as Assistant in the Hawes Sch: and to pay Elizabeth P. Snow fifty one 92/100 dollars for the expense of procuring a substitute at the Bowdoin School; and to pay Loring Lothrop sixty dollars as compensation for the employment of two substitutes in his school, were read and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Adams Sch.

Master resigns.

A letter was received from Samuel W. Bates. Master of the Adams School, declining a re-election to that office: Whereupon Mr Tracy offered the following order, which was read and laid over under the rules — Ordered, that the Subcommittee of the Adams School be authorized to organize said School

Re-organization

in Adams Sch.

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on the Third Plan in conformity with the Rules and Regulations.

Stone

Phonography

Petition of James W. Stone and others requesting this Board to introduce the art of Phonography into the Public Schools was read and referred to Messrs Felt, Beecher and Cabot.

Children of

Non-residents

to remain in

the Schools

Ordered: that those scholars now in connexion with the Latin, English High and Grammar Schools, whose parents now reside out of the City, be allowed to continue their connexion with the Schools through the course, unless the number of scholars shall so increase, that there shall not be accommoda-

tions for such as reside out of the City.

Dr. Moore from the Committee appointed on the 7th. of May last to inquire what reduction, if any, ought to be made in the Salaries of the Masters of the Public Schools presented a Report on that subject, which was read and laid on the Table. Salaries

Ordered. That the joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings be requested to construct for the English High School, during the present vacation a suitable Cabinet for Specimens to aid in communicating instruction in Geology and Mineralogy, in conformity with the recommendations of the Sub committee of said School, embraced in their Quarterly Report of February last. Eng. High Sch. Cabinet for

The Board then adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 20th. instant for the purpose of the Election of Instructers.

Attest:

Wm. Wm Clary: Sec'y

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the twentieth day of August A.D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Parcher, Betton, Lothrop, Bourne, Richards, Holmes Greele and Oviatt.

Masters elected

On motion of Mr Emerson the Board proceeded, by ballot, to the election of Masters of the Public Schools, who were chosen, as follows. viz.

Latin School.	Epes S. Dixwell	
English High	Thomas Sherwin	
Eliot	William O. Ayres.	Levi Conant
Adams	Samuel Barrett.	
Franklin	Barnum Field.	
Mayhew	William D. Swan.	
Hawes	John A. Harris.	
Smith	Thomas Paul.	
Boylston	John C. Dore.	Charles Kimball
Bowdoin	Abraham Andrews.	James Robinson
Hancock	George Allen. Jr.	
Wells	Cornelius Walker.	Reuben Swan. Jr.
Johnson	Richard G. Parker.	Joseph Hale
Winthrop	Henry Williams. Jr.	Samuel L. Gould
Lyman	Hosea H. Lincoln.	Aaron L. Ordway
Endicott	J. F. Nourse.	Joseph W. Jenks
Mather	Josiah A. Stearns.	Jonathan Battles. Jr.
Brimmer	Joshua Bates. Jr.	John H. Butler
Phillips	James Carey	Samuel Swan

Otis	Isaac F. Shepard.	Benjamin Drew. Jr.
Dwight	George B. Hyde	
Quincy	John D. Philbrick	
Bigelow	Frederick Crafts.	
Chapman	Loring Lothrop.	John P. Averill.

Teachers confirmed

The following Instructers and Assistant teachers were nominated by the Subcommittees of the respective Schools and were confirmed by the whole Board. viz

English High. Luther Robinson First Submaster. Francis L. Williams. Second Submaster - Samuel M. Weston and Charles M. Cumston - Ushers. ———

Eliot. Quincy A. Gilmore, Usher. Caroline W. Carter, Hannah M. Damon, Anna L. Carter, Eliza L. Felt and Caroline A. Conant. Assistants.

Franklin. Hannah L. Tirrell and Catharine T. Simonds, Head Assistants. Sarah A. M. Cushing, Lucy M. Beck, Caroline A. Green, Frances A. Hardon, Mary Jane Leach and Frances L. Field. Assistants. ———

Hawes. Charles A. Morrill, Submaster. Henry W. Hardon Usher, Ann E. Dearborn, Louisa J. Henderson and Lucy C. Jenks. Assistants.

Bowdoin. Mary A. Murdock, Rebecca Lincoln, Mary L. Robinson, Elizabeth B. Mitchell, Sarah M. Mitchell, Elizabeth P. Snow and Hannah L. Andrews. Assistants ———

Hancock P.W. Bartlett. Submaster. Henrietta L. Pierce, Sarah E. White, Hannah L. Austin, Mary A.

Lewis, Helen M. Johnson, Anna M. Snelling
Achsah Barnes, S. O. H. Eaton. Assistants.

Wells. William H. Swan, Usher
Matilda A. Perry, Caroline F. Horsley, Frances A.
Collins, and Mary L. Carter, Assistants.

Winth'p. Elizab.th R. Briggs, Susan
A. M. Spring and Caroline Rogers. Martha I. Colton
Frances M. Huffmaster and Frances M. Oliver. Assistants.

Lyman. Lemuel F. Blackinton, Usher.
Eliza L. Pierce, Mary O. Bulfinch, E. Jeanette Aborn,
Bethia S. Nickerson, Frances L. Prescott, and Mary
P. Moulton. Assistants.

Endicott. Thomas H. Chandler, Usher.
Jane Pearson, Sarah S. French, Almira J. Keith
Malvina R. Bigham and Maria P. Cleaveworthy. Ass'ts.

Mather. Asa Weeks, Usher. Margaret
E. Wade, Lucy Floyd, Ann S. Drake, Margaret A.
Pease, Elizabeth B. Reynolds and Alice Cooper. Ass'ts.

Brimmer. D. C. Brown and Sumner
Albee. Ushers. Ellen B. Cunningham and Lucy W.
Butler. Assistants

Phillips. Amphion Gates and John M.
Edcord. Ushers. Ellen M. Coolidge and Anne B.
Sawyer. Assistants.

Otis. Joshua K. Lothrop. Usher
J. W. S. Copeland, Lydia Shepard, Emeline French,
Caroline Palmer, and Miranda Sherman. Assistants.

Dwight. James A. Page. Submaster
William F. Basto. Usher. Frances A. Tyler, Louisa

A. Woodman, Clarissa Guild, Elizabeth G. Underhill, Eliza A. Harding, Caroline Merrill, Eliza M. Josselyn and Henrietta Draper. Assistants.

Bigelow. Rebecca M. Harris. 7 C. Maria Manning, Julia M. Baxter, Rebecca A. Stout and Martha C. Jenks. Assistants.

Chapman. Angeline A. Brigham, Georgietta Reid, Lucy M. Wiggin, Martha E. Symmes S. S. Chamberlain, Mary G. Lincoln. Assistants.

Mr Willis offered the following order, which was read and laid over, according to the Rules. Ordered: That Sect. 2d. of Chapter V. of Rules of this Board be amended by adding, after the word "ballot" in the second line, the following "and the votes of a majority of the members of the whole School Board shall be requisite to an election". | Rules & Reg's proposed amend.t (Election of Masters)

Mr Wightman offered the following order. Ordered, That the Sub-committee of the Dwight School be authorized to organize the Dwight School as separate and distinct schools for Boys and Girls in conformity with the "Second Plan". Read and laid on the table. | Dwight Sch. re-organiza.n [vide page 65]

The following orders, submitted by Dr. Spence, were also read and laid on the table. Ordered that from and after this date no extra compensation shall be allowed any master, submaster, | Rules & Reg's proposed amend.t (Substitutes)

Usher or female assistant for services performed by substitutes. Ordered. That all substitutes who may act as temporary Instructers shall receive pay equal to one half of the regular compensation of the incumbents whose offices for the time being they may fill.
Ordered. That Section 13th. Chapter 1st. of the Regulations be rescinded and that the above order be substituted in its stead.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next the 27th inst. at 4 o'clock. P. M.

Attest.

Jam. W. McCleary. Jr. Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the city of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the 27th day of August, A. D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Emerson, Betton Lothrop, Bourne, Steele and Pratt.

Latin Sch. Teachers nominated

The Submaster and both Ushers of the Latin School having resigned, the Subcommittee of that school announced that Mr. Caleb Emery had been selected as Submaster, and Mr. Joseph N. Thayer as Usher of said School, subject to the usual term of probation.

Adams Sch.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the order

authorizing the Sub-committee of the Adams School to organize said School upon the "Third Plan" was taken from the Table, and passed. — Organization

The following Teachers for the Adams School were then nominated and confirmed by the Board — viz. Bartholomew Wood. Submaster. Ira Chever. Usher and Mary E. Beck. Assistant. — Teachers confirmed

On motion of Mr Wightman, it was voted that the office of Assistant teacher in the Smith School be dispensed with, until the number of pupils attending the school shall justify its re-establishment. — Smith Sch. No assistants

The Teachers for the following Schools were then nominated and confirmed — viz.

Boylston School. — Boylston Sch.

William T. Adams and Franklin Webster. Ushers. Clarinda R. F. Treadwell, Susan L. M. Jones, Catharine Grover, Mary A. Harris, and Ellen M. Treadwell — Assistants. Miss E. M. Treadwell's salary to commence May 1st 1850. — Teachers

Johnson School. — Johnson Sch.

Rebecca P. Barry, Helen E. Vans, Harriet W. Mudge, Harriet A. Keith — Martha E. Towne, Elmira Seymour, and Mary Jane Danforth. Assistants. — Teachers

Mayhew School. — Mayhew Sch

Winslow Battles Submaster, Robert Swan, Usher, Elizabeth L. West. Elizabeth D. Moulton, Elizabeth P. Hopkins, and Mary L. Rowland Assistants. — Teachers.

The whole subject of the Teachers and Assistants in the Quincy School was referred to the Sub committee of that School. — Quincy Sch. Teachers

Bowdoin Sch. Teacher

Miss Mary Ann Smith was nominated as Assistant Teacher in the Bowdoin School, in place of Elizabeth P. Snow, resigned.

Dwight Sch. organization

On motion of Mr Wightman, the order authorizing the Subcommittee of the Dwight School to organize said School upon the "Second Plan" was taken from the Table, and passed.

Wayland's Moral Science & Hall's Manual of Morals

The following order was taken from the Table and after various amendments was passed as follows. Ordered. That the Abridgement of Wayland's Elements of Moral Science be used in the first Classes of the Grammar Schools, and Hall's Manual of Morals be used in the second Classes of said Grammar Schools, and that a recitation from said books be heard, with remarks from the teachers, at least as often as once a week.

Endicott & Eliot Schools. Temp'y provision

Ordered. That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to co-operate with the Subcommittees of the Eliot and Endicott Schools in providing temporary accommodation for the Teachers and Scholars of said Schools until the additions and repairs of the Endicott and Eliot School houses now in progress, shall be completed.

Phonography. Stone

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of James W. Stone and others

December 28, 1905.

A lady who examined these records this day stated that Mary Ann Smith should be Marcy: This is correct, the name is written with an "S" but is

praying that the art of Phonography may be taught in the Public Schools adopted - That the Phonetic system has zealous advocates and opponents. - So no doubt, who carefully looks at the subject, but that, for the purposes of speedily taking notes of various topics presented to the attention, either for individual or public information. it is a convenient improving and desirable qualification.

But with regard to its being used in our Schools, it is called by its objectors in question, under several considerations. Some of these follow - It is injurious - to the spelling of words after the common manner - to the distinction between words of the same sound but of different significations - to the pronunciation of our language; and, while pursued, is a serious hindrance to progress in the Hebrew course. These particularly apply to the members of our Public Schools. The principal objection, that if the Phonetic Plan should prevail through the civilized world, it would, for a long period, close up the abundant stores of literary and scientific knowledge in the present Libraries, to the great mass of mankind, is of more distant and extensive application. But such and other objections do not dishearten the petitioners. They have ingenious replies at hand. Still your committee not having had sufficient opportunity to test their intelligent experience, lack the various evidence essential to justify them, in recommending, on their own responsibility, the Phonetic system for our schools without further consideration. Hence they feel constrained to ask the favor, that they may be excused from the assignment of this

matter and that the Board would take it under their cognizance, as a Committee of the whole.

If this Body are pleased so to do - and also desire gentlemen of the Petitioners to appear before them and give the results of their experience it would probably be the best means for a satisfactory decision. Besides, if deemed advisable to take any further steps, the query presents itself in this connexion - whether - as the Teachers in the service of the City are personally and essentially concerned in the subject, communication should not be had with them in a way fitted to meet the views feelings and convenience of the Board. All which is respectfully submitted. Joseph B. Felt. for the Committee. Read and accepted.

Special adjournt

On motion of Dr. Moore, it was ordered that when this Board adjourned it be to Tuesday next September 3d. at 4 o'clock P. M.

Salaries.
Grammar Sch.

Mr Tracy offered the following order. Ordered. That the salaries of the Masters, Sub Masters, Ushers and Female Assistants in the Grammar and Writing Schools be fixed at the same amount as was paid during the past year with such changes as the rules require. Read and laid on the table.

Dwight Sch.
vacancy

Mr Wightman presented an order for filling the vacancy of Master in the Dwight School but pending the discussion on the matter the Board

adjourned.

Attest-

Wm. W. Clearn. Sec'y.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday, the third day of September A. D. 1850.

Present—

The Chairman and the whole Board, except Messrs Beecher, Neale, Reed, Lothrop, Bourne, Greele and Briett.

On nomination of Dr. Bigelow, Mr Dean F. Battles was confirmed as Usher in the May-hew School. And on nomination by Mr Felt, Miss Lucy W. Butler was confirmed as Assistant Teacher in the Brimmer School. — May-hew Sch. Usher — Brimmer Sch. Teacher

The following Teachers in the Quincy School were also confirmed by the Board. Mrs. Charles E. Valentine, Sub-master. B. W. Putnam and James O. Brown, Ushers. Lydia A. Bowler, Sarah G. Hay, Josephine L. Tucker, Almira B. Coffin, Lydia A. Hanson, Elizabeth A. G. Philbrick, Mary E. Whiting, Abby Dalton, Sarah E. Putnam and Doria Fenton, Assistants. — Quincy Sch. Teachers

On motion of Mr Wightman, Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board cause the usual advertisements to be inserted in the newspapers, for applicants for the vacant masterships — Dwight Sch. vacancy —

in the Dwight School, and that applications will be received at his office until Saturday Sept. 7th. Voted that Messrs Peirce Swift and Boosworth be joined to the Subcommittee of the Dwight School on the part of examining the candidates for the vacant Mastership in said School.

Johnston Drawing

Petition of D. C. Johnston for leave to instruct in Drawing, in the Latin and English High Schools, in place of Mr Seager resigned was referred to the Committee on Books.

Badlam Writing Book

Petition of O. G. Badlam for leave to introduce the Common School Writing Book into the Public Schools was referred to the Committee on Books.

Stone Phonography

Petition of James W. Stone and others praying that an exhibition of the usefulness of the Art of Phonography may be made before this Board, was read and referred to the whole Board as a Committee upon that subject.

Brigham order to pay

On motion of Mr Tracy --

Ordered, That Miss Mary L. Brigham be allowed one quarter's salary, for connection with the Adams School as assistant Teacher, after nine years service having ceased.

Lee order to pay

On motion of Mr Wightman

Ordered, That one quarter's salary be paid to Miss Sarah A. Lee, she having been removed of the office

of Assistant Teacher in the Smith School by an alteration in the organization of said school.

On motion of Mr Bailey— Peabody Chronology

Ordered. That the committee on Books consider the expediency of introducing into the Grammar Schools the study of the "Manual of the Polish-American System of Chronology, introduced with some modifications from General Bem's Franco-Polish Method", by Miss Elizabeth P. Peabody, with the Chart, as auxiliary to the study of History.

Mr Tracy submitted the following Books— Rule proposed.

rule— Whenever a new book is proposed to be introduced into the Schools, each member of the School committee shall be furnished with a copy of the same, one week at least before the same shall be acted upon. Read and laid over according to the Rules.

Ordered, That the committee Endicott Sch. Repairs.

on Public Buildings be requested to alter the Plan for the repairs of the Endicott School House so far, at least as to allow a movable partition in the upper hall of said School.

Ordered, That the Building Com- Eliot Sch.

mittee be requested to divide the School rooms in the Repairs

main building in the Eliot School House by partitions similar to those in the Hawkins School House, & that the inside of said school rooms be painted white.

Speaking time limited —

On motion of Mr Willis —

Ordered. That no member of this Board be allowed to speak more than five minutes at any one time on any motion or rule under discussion before the Board.

Leighton Order to pay

An order to pay the usual compensation to Miss Caroline Leighton of the Johnson School for services as substitute for Harriet W. Mudge, was read and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Music suspended

On motion of Mr Emerson —

Ordered: That all instruction in Music be suspended in the Public Schools until a Report on that subject shall be received from the Committee on Music.

The Board then adjourned to meet at City Hall on Tuesday Sept. 17. at 4 o'clock. P.M.

Attest:

Jam. F. McCleary Jr.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of September A.D. 1858.

Present—

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Reed, Tracy and Oviatt.

Phonography

Stone

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the Petition of James W. Stone and others, through their Chairman Mr Lothrop, reported, that they had given the petitioners a full hearing, and had duly considered the matter, and they recommended to the Board that it is inexpedient to introduce the study of Phonography into the Public Schools: which report was accepted.

Smith's Astronomy

The Committee on Books reported an order, authorizing the use of Smith' Illustrated Astronomy by the first classes of the Grammar Schools, provided it be furnished at 50 cents a copy: which order, after some discussion, was indefinitely postponed.

Badlam's Writing books

Ordered, That O. G. Badlam's Writing Books be used in the fourth classes of the Schools, in connection with Root's and Northend's Books at the option of the teacher.

Dwight Sch. Master chosen

Mr Wightman, from the Committee appointed to examine candidates for the office of Master of the Dwight School, reported the names and merits of four gentlemen, whom the Com-

mittee recommended as suitable candidates to fill said vacancy. Which report was read and accepted and the Board thereupon proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Master of the Dwight School for Boys. And the votes being taken and counted it appeared that James A. Page was elected.

Johnston. Drawing

The Committee on Books, to whom was referred the Petition of D. C. Johnston to instruct in Drawing in the High and Latin Schools, reported a reference of said petition to the sub committees of those two Schools. Read and accepted.

Music

The following orders in reference to the instruction of Music in the Public Schools were severally read and referred to the Committee on Music. viz -

Ordered. That Messrs Lowell Mason and Benjamin F. Baker be and they hereby are appointed Teachers and Superintendents of Music in the Grammar Schools for the current school year - to give instruction and receive compensation in conformity with the existing rules of the Board in relation to musical instruction.

Ordered. That an Instructer in Music be employed by each Subcommittee of the several Grammar Schools, to give instruction to the first and second classes for the last half hour of each school time on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and, that the sum of be allowed to each Music teacher employed as above - this sum including the consideration for the use of a piano.

Ordered: That the expediency of abolishing or reforming the whole system of the Teaching of Music in the Grammar Schools be referred to a committee of three.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom were referred several orders for the payment of substitutes for services rendered in the Grammar Schools, reported adversely to the claims of Loring Lothrop, Eliza A. Harding, George A. Sawyer, Elizabeth P. Snow, and Caroline Leighton: — Which report was read; and, after some discussion, was recommitted to the same committee. — Substitutes — Lothrop — Harding — Snow, Sawyer — Leighton

The same committee also reported an order in favor of the payment of fifty four dollars to Miss Eliza S. Sherman for services as Teacher in the Vanes School. Accepted and the order passed. — Sherman — Order to pay.

Elizabeth Williams and Celinda Seaver were nominated as teachers in the Bigelow School: Lucy T. Hall and Mary M. Knight for the Adams School: and Miss C. M. Cotton for the Quincy School, subject to the usual term of probation. — Nominations — Bigelow, Adams, Quincy Schools

The Board then adjourned until Tuesday October 1st 1850, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest: Sam. F. McCleary Sec'y.

No quorum

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 1st. at 4 o'clock P. M.

There being no quorum the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October the eighth, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest: Sam.l W. McCleary. Jr.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the eighth day of October. A. D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except the President of the Common Council, Messrs Neale, Bigelow, Willis, Richards, Holmes, and Poiatt.

Phillips Sch. teacher.

Miss Catharine P. Dow was nominated as Assistant Teacher in the Phillips School.

Hancock Sch. teacher.

and Miss Lucy S. Ripley was confirmed as Assistant Teacher in the Hancock School.

Murdock order to pay.

An order for the payment of thirty 28/100 dollars to Miss Mary A. Murdock of the Bowdoin School for the expense of a substitute for herself in said school was read and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Latin Sch. Maps

Ordered, that thirty dollars be

appropriated for the purchase of Towle's Map of Massachusetts, and one sett of Pelton's Outline Maps, for the Latin School.

Music

The Committee on Music, to whom were referred the several orders in relation to Music, submitted at the last meeting of the Board, reported four orders providing, a system of instruction, the choice and compensation of teachers, the text books to be used, and that the present Music committee be discharged; which they recommended to the Board for adoption.

On motion of Mr Wightman the orders were considered severately - and the first order having been amended was passed, as follows:- viz- Ordered: That, from and after this date, instruction in Music be given to members of all the classes in the Grammar Schools of this City; that there be two lessons of thirty minutes each to each school every week: the day and the hour, at which said lessons are given, to be determined by the Sub-committee of each school.

System of Instruction.

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On the passage of the second order a lengthy discussion arose: several different amendments were proposed and lost, and finally, on motion of Mr Emerson, the subject was laid on the table: and the Board then adjourned to meet at City Hall on Tuesday next, the sixteenth instant at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest:

Jam.s F. McCleary Jr.

Secretary

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of October A. D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole Board except Messrs Parmenter, Emerson, Bourne, Holmes, Greele and Twitt.

Snow

Order to pay

[vide p. 91.]

Ordered, That an additional quarter's salary be paid to Miss Elizabeth P. Snow; she having been compelled from ill health to resign her place, as assistant teacher in the Bowdoin School.

Jarvis' Physiology

On motion of Mr Felt, the order for the introduction of Jarvis' Physiology into the Grammar Schools was taken from the table, and, after a short discussion, was indefinitely postponed.

Music,

New rules

On motion of Mr Bosworth, the orders relating to the instruction of Music in the Grammar Schools were taken from the table; and the vote, whereby the first order was adopted at the previous meeting of the Board, was reconsidered: the order was then amended, and passed, as follows, viz -

Ordered: That from and after this date, instruction in Music be given to the members of the First and Second classes in each of the Grammar Schools of the City, in addition to exercises in vocal music, in which the whole school may take a part; that there be two lessons of thirty minutes each to each school every week, the day and the hour, at which said lessons are given, to be determined by the Sub-committee of each

School.

The remaining orders, as reported by the Committee on Music, were then taken up and adopted, as follows, (a motion for an indefinite postponement having been lost) viz.

Ordered. That the Subcommittee of each School be authorized and required to nominate to this Board, for confirmation, some suitably qualified person as teacher of Music in the school, of which said subcommittee has charge, and that the compensation of said teacher of music shall be one hundred dollars per annum for each school, this sum to include the consideration for the use of a Piano Forte, which instrument each Teacher shall provide for himself.

Ordered. That the musical Text book now used in any school shall be continued in said school, till otherwise ordered by this Board.

Ordered. That the existing general Committee on Music be discharged and that the several subcommittees hereafter make the character, condition and progress of musical instruction in their several schools a part of their Quarterly Reports.

Transfers of Pupils

Permission was granted by the Board to sundry pupils residing in the Otis and Phillips School Sections to attend the Mayhew School.

School Sections. proposed change.

An order, providing that the boundaries between the Mayhew and Otis School sections be so far changed, that the Boys residing in Poplar, Chambers, Bigelow and Auburn Streets shall attend the Mayhew School, was read and referred to the sub committees of said schools.

Salaries. Gram. Schools

On motion of Mr Wightman, the following order was taken from the table and passed. viz. Ordered: That the Salaries of the Masters, Submasters, Ushers, and Female Assistants in the Grammar Schools be fixed at the same amount as was paid the last year.

Motions to increase the salaries of the female assistants, and to reduce the salary of the master of the Smith School, were respectively lost.

Salaries. Eng: High & Latin Sch.

Ordered: That the salaries of the Masters, Submasters and Ushers of the Latin and English High Schools be the same as during the last year, with such changes as the rules require - with the exception that the Sub-master of the Latin School receive fifteen hundred dollars.

Non-resident pupil.

Dr. Cabot of Ward 7 offered the following order, viz.

Ordered. That Sarah E. Berth of Boothbay. Me. be permitted to attend the Grammar Schools of this City.

But, pending the

consideration of the order, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Wm. P. McCleary Jr.

Secretary

At a Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall, on Tuesday, November 5th A.D. 1850.

Present

The Mayor, Messrs Spence, Lothrop, . . . and Pratt -

Quarterly Reports

The Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the Schools except the English High, the Franklin and Dwight were read by their respective Subcommittees, and were accepted by the Board.

Notice to Com.ees not reporting

On motion of Mr Bosworth, the Secretary was directed to inform the Chairmen of the Subcommittees on the above mentioned schools that their Quarterly Reports will be expected at the next meeting of the Board.

Music teachers confirmed.

The several subcommittees nominated to the Board certain suitably qualified persons as Teachers of Music in their several schools in compliance with the rule recently adopted by the Board; which nominations were confirmed, as follows. viz:

Mr B. F. Baker - for the Quincy - Lyman - Chapman - Emerson and Wright Schools.

Mr Albert Drake - for the Hawes, Bigelow and Mather Schools.

Mr L. H. Southard - for the Hancock and Endicott Schools.

Mr Edwin Bruce - for the Brimmer - Wells and Otis Schools.

Mr Lowell Mason - for the Winthrop School.

Mr Isaac E. Emerson - for the Smith School.

Mr A. N. Johnson - for the Bowdoin and Adams Schools.

The nomination of Mr Southard for the Eliot School was recommitted to the Sub-committee of that school, and the nomination of Mr Samuel Swan for the Phillips School was rejected by the Board.

Music teachers to instruct personally

On motion of Mr Willis, it was ordered, that each music master appointed by the Sub committee of each school be required to teach personally in such school, except when prevented by illness or some unavoidable casualty.

Brimmer Sch. Maps

Ordered that a new set of Outline Maps be provided for the Brimmer School.

Annual Repts

The Committee, appointed to make the Annual Examination of the Grammar Schools of this City, presented their Report, which was laid on the table and, together with the reports of the

examination of the Latin and English High Schools, was ordered to be printed for the use of the members of this Board.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday the 26th inst. at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest:

Sam'l F. McCleary Jr.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, Nov. 26. 1850.

Present, The Chairman, and the whole Board, except Messrs Spence, Neale, Willis, Oviatt and Bosworth.

Quarterly Reports

The Quarterly Reports from the English High, the Franklin and the Dwight Schools were read by their respective Subcommittees, and were accepted by the Board.

Williams

A communication from Francis S. Williams, Submaster of the English High School, requesting compensation for the employment of a substitute in his room during an absence of three and one half weeks occasioned by illness, was read and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Beck

A memorial of Miss Lucy M. Beck, stating that she had been transferred, by the Principal of the Franklin School, from the charge of

the First Division of the Second Class in said school to the care of the lowest division of the Junior Department of the School — and a petition of the Parents of children comprising the second class in said school, praying that the Memorialist may be reinstated in the charge of said class — together with other documents relating to the same subject, were presented to the Board, and were referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs Lothrop, Beecher, Emerson, Moore, and Jenks, to consider and report thereon.

Selfridge
Non resident pupil

Mr Lothrop offered the following order which was read and adopted, the rules of the Board having been suspended for that purpose: viz — Ordered, That Capt. T. O. Selfridge, an officer of the U. S. Navy, by birth and education, a citizen of Boston, stationed now at Charlestown, but liable at any moment to be removed to some other port of the country, or the world, have leave to send his son to the English High School.

Homans

A Petition of Dr. John Homans and others, parents of children attending the Latin School, praying that, for reasons therein stated, there might be, during the Winter Months, but one session of said school, commencing at 9 o'clock A.M. and closing at 2 o'clock P.M. was presented to the Board: and an order authorizing the change of hours as requested, was offered by the Subcommittee of that school which order was amended by including also the English High School — and then on motion of Dr. Beecher the whole

Latin & Eng. High Schools — one session

subject was referred to Messrs Beecher, Bigelow and Palmer to consider and report thereon.

An order that Wells' Grammar be introduced into the Grammar Schools and take the place of Greene's Analysis now in use in said schools, was read and referred to the Committee on Books. — Wells' Grammar

The Annual Report of the examination of the Grammar Schools, and the reports on the condition of the Latin and English High Schools were taken up and accepted, and ordered to be printed and distributed to the citizens, in sufficient numbers, to give at least one copy to each family. — Annual Report accepted & printed

On motion of Mr Emerson, it was Resolved, that in accepting the Annual Report of the Committee on the State of the Schools, the Board is not to be understood as expressing any opinion relative to the expediency of any alterations in the School system, which are recommended by the Committee. — Resolve, concerning.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was recommitted a previous report on the inexpediency of compensating certain substitutes for teachers in the Grammar Schools, presented another report, wherein they refuse to grant the applications of Eliza A. Harding, Georgeanna Sawyer, Mary A. Murdock and Elizabeth P. Snow, and set forth their reasons at length for so doing — which report was read and laid on the — Temp'y Instr.rs Harding Sawyer Murdock Snow. [vide Decr. 24. 1850]

table.

Phillips Sch. Music teacher

The nomination of Mr Samuel Swan as teacher of Music in the Phillips School, on condition that he receive $40 for the use of a Piano and nothing for his services in giving instruction in Music - was read and laid over according to the rules.

Teachers nominated

Otis School

Wells do

Quincy do

Mr S. W. Mason was nominated as Usher in the Otis School, vice Joshua R. Lothrop.

Miss Sarah L. Lothrop was nominated as assistant teacher in the Wells School, vice Frances A. Collins.

Miss S. A. Scarlt was nominated as Assistant in the Quincy School, vice Miss Coffin.

Teachers confirmed

Otis Sch.

Dwight

Bowdoin

Lyman

The following teachers were confirmed by the board, they having served the period of probation, required by the rules.. viz -

Otis School - Miss Martha A. Palmer.

Dwight. School - Miss Maria E. Damrell.

Bowdoin School - Miss Mary Ann Smith.

Lyman School - Miss Alice Cunningham, Miss Eliza A. Wiggin, and Miss Jane Wight.

Eliot Sch. Music teacher

The subcommittee of the Eliot School to whom was recommitted the nomination of Mr L. H. Southard as Teacher of Music for said school, reported that they had considered the subject referred to them, and they unanimously recommended the nomination of Mr Southard - which report was accepted,

and the nomination confirmed by the Board.

In Board then adjourned to Tuesday the tenth day of December at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest:

Saml F. McCleary. Jr. Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday, December Tenth, A.D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Spence, Neale and Oviatt.

Latin & English Schools - to hold but one session in Winter.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Dr. John Romans and others in relation to such a change of the Regulations of the Schools as would permit the Latin School to hold but one session each day; and also an order, extending the same privilege to the English High School - unanimously recommended the passage of the following order - viz -

Ordered, That from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in April, the Latin and English High Schools shall open at 9. A.M. and close at 2. P.M.

Which report was accepted, and the order passed -

Mr Fox presented the petition

Tremlett

of C. F. Tremlett and others, pupils in the first class of the Trimmer School praying that this Board would grant a vacation to the public schools for the three days succeeding "Christmas Day" - Read and laid upon the Table.

Eliot Sch.
Temporary vacation.

On motion of Dr. Moore the Sub-committee of the Eliot School were authorized to grant, at their discretion, a vacation to the Scholars and teachers of said school until the Schoolhouse, now in process of repairs shall be in readiness for the use of said scholars and teachers.

Adams Sch.
Maps

On motion of Mr Tracy, thirty dollars were appropriated for the purchase of a set of Pelton's Outline Maps for the use of the Adams School.

Temp'y Instruction

On motion of Mr Parmenter, the report of the committee on temporary instruction was taken from the table, and, after a short discussion, was again laid thereon.

Wells's Grammar

Ordered: That the Committee on Books be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board upon an order offered on the 26th of November last, in reference to the introduction of Wells's Grammar into the Schools.

Chapman Sch.
Usher.

Mr William A. Jenks was nominated by the Sub-committee of the Chapman School as usher in said School - his salary to commence on the first day of November 1850 -

The following Teachers were confirmed by the Board they having served in their several schools to the satisfaction of the respective sub-committees. Bigelow School - Celinda Seaver - Chapman School - Marilla M. Caverno - Phillips School - Catharine P. Dow - Quincy School - Sophia A. Leavitt - North Johnson School - Caroline Leighton - Phillips School - Mr Samuel Swan appointed Teacher in Music on the conditions announced at the last meeting of the Board.

Bigelow
Chapman
Phillips
Quincy
Johnson
schools
Teachers &c

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Mr Lothrop, from the Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Miss Lucy M. Beck, and also the petition of Peter C. Jones and others in aid of the memorialist, presented a lengthy and elaborate report upon that subject, from which it appears that the Committee had duly considered all the facts of the case, which were elicited at a full hearing, which was granted to both parties, and the Committee unanimously recommend the passage of the following order, viz -

Beck

Ordered, That Miss Beck resume the position in the Franklin School, which she occupied on the 21st of October last, and that the question of her continuance in that position or her transfer to some other position in the Franklin or some other of the Grammar Schools be referred to the Subcommittee of the Franklin School; to such action on their part, as is authorized by the Rules and Regulations of the Public Schools.

which order, after a lengthy discussion, was adopted.

Lincoln
Order to pay

Ordered: That Mary G. Lincoln of the Chapman School be allowed one quarter's salary she having been obliged to resign her place in consequence of continued sickness & position.

Adjourned to Tuesday, Dec^r. 24. at 4. o'clock P.M.

Attest:

Wm. C. Whitney Jr.
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday December 24 - A.D. 1850.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board, except Messrs Prince, Bolton, Cabot and Orne.

Waugh's
Panorama

An order, granting leave to the Masters and pupils of the Public Schools to attend the exhibition of Waughs Panorama of Italy, on the afternoon of any school day during the week, was read and laid on the table.

Wells' Grammar

The Committee on Books, to whom was referred an order of this Board to consider the expediency of introducing into the Grammar Schools, Wells' Elementary and School Grammar, in place of Greene's Analysis - having attended to that duty hereby report: That deeming the proposed works by reason of their better adaptation to the comprehension of beginners, to be preferable to those now used in the Junior classes; they recommend, in part, the change suggested, and the adoption of the subjoined order. Respectfully submitted, per order. S. H. Jenks. Ordered. That, in the Third classes of the Grammar Schools, "Wells' Elementary Grammar" be used as a Text-book, instead of "Greene's First Lessons" and that, in the Second classes "Wells' School Grammar" be substituted for "Greene's Analysis" - the latter work to be retained in the first classes - Provided, That the changes herein contemplated be first sanctioned by the respective Subcommittees and masters. Read and laid on the Table

Wilson's Punctuation

Ordered: that copies of "Wilson's Treatise on English Punctuation", not to exceed three in number for any one school, as the several subcommittees may determine, be placed in the libraries of each of the Grammar Schools of the City - in both the Reading and Writing departments where requisite, for the use of the Masters and Assistant teachers.

Beck

An order, that the action of the Sub Committee of the Franklin School whereby Miss Beck was transferred from the Second to the Fourth class be rescinded and that the position of Miss Beck be settled by the next School Committee, was offered by Mr Bourne, and laid on the table: but was afterwards called up, and rejected.

Christmas vacation

Petition of H. E. Herrick and others pupils of the First Class in the Mathew School praying that the three days succeeding "Christmas" of the present year may be granted, as a vacation, to the Public Schools under the care of this Board, was read - and the vacation was granted as prayed for: the rules of the School being suspended for that purpose

Murdock order to pay

Ordered: that the sum of Thirty 28/100 dollars be paid to Miss Mary E. Murdock for the expence of employing a substitute during her absence from the Bowdoin School.

Harding order to pay

Ordered: that seventeen 20/100 dollars be paid to Miss Eliza A. Harding, assistant in the Eagle School for the pay of her substitutes, during three weeks & more illness.

Snow order to pay

An order granting a quarters salary to Miss Snow (passed Oct. 15. 1850) was rescinded and instead thereof, Ordered: that there be paid to Miss Elizabeth P. Snow, of the Bowdoin School, the sum of fifty one 92/100 dollars for the expense of a substitute employed during her illness.

Ordered, that the sum of Thirty Adams

four Dollars and fifty cents be allowed and paid to Miss order to pay

E. Adams for her services as assistant teacher in the

Bowdoin school during the late protracted and dan-

gerous illness of the Writing Master Mr. James Robinson.

The foregoing order was passed - the Rule, requiring

its reference to the appropriate committee being sus-

pended by the Board.

The following Report of the Commit- Temporary

tee on Temperance Instruction was taken from the Table, and Instruction

the names of Caroline Leighton, Eliza A. Harding

Mary A. Murdock and Elizabeth P. Snow having been

stricken therefrom by a vote of the Board, (they being

provided for elsewhere) the same was accepted by the

Board: The committee on Temperance Instruction, Sawyer

to whom was recommitted a report offered by them

at a previous meeting, have taken the same under con-

sideration and respectfully report, that they still adhere

to their former decision being adverse to the following or-

ders - An order to pay (Caroline Leighton $ 75.00.)

(Eliza A. Harding 17.20.)

George A. Sawyer 46.11.

(Mary A. Murdock 30.28.)

(Elizabeth P. Snow 51.92.)

The Committee see no good and valid reason for depar-

ting from the rule in these cases, and recommend

that they take the course laid down in the Regulations.

They are aware that heretofore it has been the usual practice to pay such demands with little or no examination into the merits of the applications, and it is feared that the generosity of the Board has been sometimes abused; and unless the rule is more strictly adhered to, they will continue to increase to an indefinite extent.

The teachers of our schools are liberally paid, and schoolrooms scientifically constructed, and furnished with every means to promote the comfort and health of both Teachers and Scholars, and are in no measure more exposed to the danger or loss of health than the majority of our citizens. If they are visited by occasional sickness, it is but the common lot of humanity & no more than others in every position in life are liable to. Simple justice would require that the same amount of labor should not be twice paid for, and it is no hardship if we require of the teachers, that for the salary paid certain duties shall be performed.

The Regulation in regard to Substitutes, it is believed, is the result of the wisdom and experience of former Committees as well as the present; and should seldom be set aside, and never, except for good and sufficient reasons, or in extreme cases.

It may be urged, that the sums are but a small demand upon the Treasury of a wealthy city; still if such claims are indiscriminately allowed, although its coffers were filled to overflowing, the continual drain must empty them eventually: it is the last feather's

weight, which crushed the camel.

The committee recommend that the applications embraced in the several orders above mentioned should not be granted. Respectfully submitted. Geo. W. Parmenter.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction ask leave to report that having considered the orders referred to them to pay Lorin Lothrop the sum of sixty dollars - and to pay Miss Caroline Leighton the usual compensation for three months recommend the payment of the same. In reference to the Petition of Mr H. S. Williams of the High School, the Committee have decided to make no recommendation as to the disposition to be made of the same and desire to report it back to the Board for their action thereon. George W. Parmenter. Read and accepted

Temporary Instruction

Lothrop

Leighton

Williams

Mr Wightman from the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of a re-organization of the Grammar and Primary School Committees, presented a Report on that subject concluding with the following Order:

Ordered, that the Chairman of this Board respectfully request the City Council to take into consideration the propriety of increasing the number of the Joint Standing Committee on Instruction, by the addition of two members of the School Committee, to be appointed annually by the Chairman.

Re-organization of Grammar & Primary Sch. Committees

Ordered, that the Mayor be requested to apply to the Legislature for the passage of an act

authorizing an increase in the present number of the School Committee, so that the whole number to be chosen may be three from each ward; and that the members may be chosen for a term not exceeding three years. Read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed; and so much of said report as relates to the Primary School Committee was referred to that Board.

Music teachers.

John W. Adams was appointed instructor in Music for the Mayhew School, and George W. Pratt for the Franklin School.

Nominations laid on the Table.

The following nominations were laid upon the table, viz. Jacob Tuck, as Usher in the Endicott School, and George W. Pratt as Teacher of Music in the Boylston School.

Endicott & Adams Sch. teachers

The nominations of the following teachers were respectively confirmed by the Board - viz - Elizabeth McKay for the Endicott School - Lucy F. Hall and Mary M. Knight for the Adams School -

Swan

Mr Lothrop offered the following Preamble and resolution - viz - Whereas by an order of this Board, passed on the 9th of April last, the use of Swan's Instructive Reader, as a text book in the Grammar Schools was discontinued, and whereas in the discussion, which resulted in this order, statements presumed to be correct, were made affecting the integri-

ty of Mr Swans conduct in the preparation of his book, & whereas evidence has been laid before this Board that shows those statements to be unfounded, therefore -

Resolved; that the order above referred to, passed on the 9th of April last, be not interpreted as the expression on the part of this Board, of an opinion unfavorable to the integrity of Mr Swans conduct in the preparation of his Book. Read and adopted.

On motion of Mr Steele it was unanimously Resolved: That the thanks of this Board be presented to the Chairman for the dignified, impartial and kind manner in which he has presided over their deliberations during the present year. Thanks to Chairman

To which His Honor the Mayor made a brief and appropriate reply.

Ordered, that there be paid to the Messenger of this Board the sum of thirty seven 50/100 dollars, being for services rendered from January 1st to April 1st of the present year. Messenger - order to pay.

Ordered that there be paid to the Secretary of the Board the sum of Three hundred dollars as compensation for his services during the present year. Secretary - order to pay

Adjourned sine die.

Attest: Sam. O. N. Cleary Z. Secy.

Medals awarded in 1850.

- Boys -

- Latin. -

David Pulsifer Kimball
Joseph Willard, Junr.
David Pulsifer
Wm. Theophilus Rogers Marvin
Norman Seaver
Benjamin Joy Jeffries.

- Quincy -

Theodore Lyman Kelley
Charles H. Frothingham
Wm. C. Tenney
Wm. Edwin Eliot
Charles H. Bancroft
John A. Dyer
William H. Hale
Francis L. Ballard
Francis B. Putnam
Albert G. Baxter
Eugene A. Callaman

- Dwight -

William L. Caverly
Samuel A. Harwood
Henry P. Moorhouse
Anderson Gill
Daniel Lynch

- English High -

Jonas Wyeth Coolidge
Ezekiel Waite Merriam
Wm. James French
Thomas Minns
John Davenport. Junr.
William Henry Hoyt
Thomas C. Simonds

- Smith -

Isaac Barbadoes.

- Boylston -

Enoch P. Dennis
George H. Pierce
Francis W. Tileston

- Lyman -

Lyman James
Henry O. Bailey
Nathaniel Seaver. Jr.

- Mayhew -

William C. Church
Daniel T. Copeland
John S. Foster
Samuel G. Langton
Horatio P. Livermore
Henry A. Pierce

— Eliot —

George L. Richardson
John Ritchie
George H. Beecher
George R. Hudson
David A. Cashman
Edward C. Chessman
William R. Eaton

— Brimmer —

John Pierpont Thayer
H. [illegible] Ellison
Edward Tuttle
Washington Lafayette Prescott.
George Bradford Chadwick
Gorham Eustis Hubbard

— Otis —

Alonzo Granville Draper
Marcellus Walker
Charles W. McLellan, Jr.

— Mather —

Benjamin F. Burnham
Dexter Record, Jr.
Fennick Clarence Ellis.
Charles Ball Bishop

— Adams —

Richard M. Wilson
Joseph C. McKay
Edwin R. Frost
Charles M. Bigham
Charles H. Simpson
Nathaniel B. Shurtleff

Phillips

George W. Walker
Joseph T. Hazleton
Charles B. Bradbury
Henry A. Gutter
Frederick W. Alexander
William Rotch

— Endicott —

John W. Wait
Sigourney W. Fay
Stephen C. Holmes

— Hawes —

George B. Jones
Elbert P. Pope
Francis E. Park
Francis R. Chapman
John H. B. Kent

Medals awarded to Girls.

1850.

— Franklin —

Mary E. McLellan
Martha L. Miller
Hannah K. Hancock
Ellen A. Higgins
Ophelia M. Clapman
Hannah H. Blodgett
Flonila C. Payton
Lucy C. Haskell

— Hancock —

Matilda H. Crocker
Rebecca L. Weston
Sophia A. Fast
Josephine R. Cutter
Sylvania N. Herrick
Josephine W. Littlefield
Laura Wildes
Betsey R. Richmond

— Bowdoin —

Helen L. Fuller
Henrietta W. Biggs
Mary M. Clapp
Margaret E. Eaton
Nancy M. Guilford
Harriet E. Howard
Susan M. Thwing
Louisa B. Eaton

— Dwight —

Pamelia W. Cate
Elizabeth H. Mellow
Harriet M. Dill

— Boylston —

Harriet M. Chapin
Jane McCarthy
Priscilla L. Porter

— Lyman —

Mary E. McLoud
Eveline C. King
Mary O. Smith

— Winthrop —

Mary T. Allen
Margaret P. Greene
Frances Witherbee
Ellen Whitney
Emma Shelton
Abby N. Smith

— Hancock —

Sarah A. Smith
Sarah F. Brown
Caroline Goddard
Helen M. Warner
Sarah F. Ellis
Savina I. Tewksbury

~ Otis ~	~ Mather ~
Laura Sophia Otis	Martha Elizabeth Mitchell
Sarah Eliza Chandler	Mary Quincy Haleh
Margaret A. Badger	Julia Maria Herrick
Electa Augusta Badger	~ Higelow ~
~ Endicott ~	Caroline E. Jones
Sarah Ripley	Francis H. Haynes
Eunice M. Holbrook	Fanny P. Knapp
Elizabeth F. Wales	Sarah S. Blake

~ Wells ~

Helen Blasland	A. A. Moulton
C. E. Wyman	Ellen H. Little
M. H. Cordwell	Ellen M. Locke

Ellen Davis.

Jan'y 21. 1851.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday, January twenty first. A. D. 1851.

The following Gentlemen constitute the Board of School Committee for the present year viz —

Committee 1851

Hon. John P. Bigelow, Mayor, Chairman.
Francis Brinley, President Com. Council.

Ward No. 1. Edward Beecher. Benson Leavitt.
2. William H. Thorndike, Silas B. Halsi
3. Edward D. G. Palmer, Pharcellus Church
4. Samuel K. Lothrop, Hubbard Winslow
5. Frederick Emerson, Loring Norcross.
6. Simpson Reed, Frederick A. Tracy.
7. Hamilton Willis. Dabdiel B. Adams.
8. James I. T. Coolidge, Samuel W. Bates
9. Joseph M. Wightman. Samuel E. Guild
10. Joseph B. Felt, George M. Randall
11. Hilliam H. Foster, George Eaton
12. Hoan Simonds, Francis Alger.

All the above named gentlemen were present, except Frederick Emerson —
The Board was called to order by the Mayor, who is ex officio. Chairman.

Secretary

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, and Messrs Wightman and Guild were appointed to receive and count the votes, who having attended to that duty reported that the whole

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number of votes given in was twenty five, all of which were for S. F. McCleary Jr. who was accordingly elected.

Mr Johnson Colby was nominated and appointed Messenger to the Board.

Rules adopted

On motion of Mr Norcross, the Rules and Regulations of the last year were adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the present Board until otherwise ordered.

Sub-committees

The following Subcommittees were announced by the Chair and were duly appointed

On Books. — Messrs Felt, Church, Coolidge, Adams and Winslow.

To confer with the Primary School Committee — Messrs Eaton, Reed and Willis.

On the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses. Messrs. Emerson, Alger and Bates.

On Temporary Instruction — Messrs Guild, Leavitt and Foster.

On the Latin School. The Mayor, Messrs Beecher, Reed, Coolidge and Guild.

On the English School. Messrs Lothrop, Palmer, Winslow, Randall and Eaton.

Adams, Messrs.	Tracy.	Bigelow. Messrs	Adams
	Willis		Alger
	Foster		Foster
Bowdoin. Messrs	Winslow	Boylston. Messrs.	Willis
	Reed		Adams
	Tracy		Bates

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Brimmer,	Messrs	Felt	Chapman,	Messrs	Thorndike
		Randall			Palmer
		Simonds			Church
Dwight,	Messrs	Foster	Eliot	Messrs	Leavitt
		Wightman			Beecher
		Eaton			Hahn
Endicott,	Messrs	Norcross	Franklin	Messrs	Coolidge
		Emerson			Foster
		Thorndike			Willis
Hancock,	Messrs	Beecher	Hawes,	Messrs	Alger
		Church			Simonds
		Thorndike			Bates
Johnson,	Messrs	Wightman	Juman	Messrs	Hahn
		Willis			Thorndike
		Guild			Leavitt
Mather	Messrs	Simonds	Mayhew,	Messrs	Church
		Alger			Winslow
		Randall			Adams
Otis	Messrs	Palmer	Phillips	Messrs	Reed
		Emerson			Norcross
		Winslow			Tracy
Quincy	Messrs	Randall	Smith,	Messrs	Guild
		Guild			Palmer
		Felt			Reed
Wells	Messrs	Emerson	Winthrop	Messrs	Bates
		Norcross			Wightman
		Hahn			Coolidge

The President of the Common Council was excused from serving on any subcommittee, at his own request.

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On motion of Mr Reed Messrs Reed, Beecher, Leavitt, Foster and Eaton were appointed a committee to confer with any committee that may be raised on the part of the City Council on the subject of a Superintendent of the Public Schools.

Superintendent of Pub. Schools

Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to bring the order, which has been passed, in reference to a Superintendent of our Public Schools before the notice of the City Council.

On motion of Mr Norcross, Messrs Norcross, Felt and Tracy were appointed to prepare Rules and Regulations for the government of this Board and of the Schools, and to report at a future meeting.

Com^ee on Rules &c

The list of candidates to compose the Primary School Committee for the present year having been referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs Lothrop, Norcross and Guild, was examined and considered by them: and they subsequently recommended the following persons as suitable candidates to compose the Board of Primary School Committee for the present year: which report was accepted and they were accordingly appointed. viz.

Primary School Com^ee

Levi Tucker	John J. Mestor	Wm P. Howard
William Dyke	Israel P. Proctor	E. W. Goddard
S. P. Oliver	T. Restieaux	Henry G. Clark
Alexander Wood	Wm G. Learnard	John P. Ober
James Perkins	Theeborn D. Raymond	Charles E. Wiggin
Elijah Learnard	Josiah Faxon	Dexter W. Wiswell

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Henry L. Jewis	John Spence. Jr.	Wm H. Learnard .B.
C. D. G. Palmer	George W. Parmenter	E. H. Snelling
George Hubbard.	Joseph F. White	William Eaton
Charles A. Turner	Sebastian Streeter	Joammi Crosby
A. G. Wyman	Hiram Hackett	Eben H. Little
Charles H. Atwood	S. F. McCleary .B.	J. V. C. Smith
James Foote	Samuel Kneeland Jr.	Hiram Wellington
Francis J Brown	S. H. Winkley	Thomas B. Hawkes
Charles F. Eaton	Wm R. Horton	Wm E. Townsend
John Bigelow	Wm H. Guild	James B. Dow
Lavid Kimball	Aurelius D. Parker	Benj'n F. Stevens
Eliph't P. Hartshorn	Alfred T. Turner	Fred'k W. Sawyer
Francis J. Humphrey	Samuel L. Abbott	James B. Gregerson
Lorenzo L. Cragin	Jonas Evans	Amond Dutton
Benj'n C. Richardson	Loring Norcross	W. L. B. Hunt
Charles Demond	Thomase F. Chase	J. B. Hutchinson
Lawr'ce L. Stone	Alfred E. Giles	Robert L. Merriam
Charles Brooks	Oliver Dilson	Wm H. Dennet
Josiah F. Bumstead	Samuel K. Whipple	F. R. Marvin
Azor Maynard	Daniel T. Coit	Thomas Wilder
Thomas L. Wright	A. Metcalf	Jonathan Preston
Jonathan Ellis	Daniel B. Newhall	Albert L. Lincoln
Thomas A. Goddard	Frederick C. Sanborn	Edward Reed
Jeorge M. Randall	John Odin Jr.	William Brown
Joseph M. Wightman	John F. Dingley	Otis A. Skinner
A. A. Watson	Alfred Mudge	Thacher Beal
Horace Dupee	Samuel Johnson	William Dall
Oliver Carter	William E. Blanchard	Benj'n H. Greene
Hoan Simonds	William Eaton	Edward H. Brainard

Albert J. Wright	Chas. J. F. Allen	Joseph Smith	Jany 21. 1851.
Solon Jenkins	Charles Mead	Cranston Howe	
John D. Richardson	John A. Stevens	Caleb Gill	
Obadiah Rich	Henry Homer	John H. Hood	
Judah Baker	T. D. Cook	Josiah Stevens	
Osborn Howes	Zibeon Southard	Stephen Janney	
J. H. Cheney	John Putnam	Alexander H. Rice	
G. W. McLellan	Joseph H. Allen	Charles C. Cook	
Albert T. Minot	William Willett	Aaron H. Bean	
Theodore P. Hale	Aloah Hobbs	Henry R. Andrews	
Stephen Tucker	A. Parker Melzar	L. B. Croft	
N. C. Stevens	Luther Parks Jr.	J. A. Cummings	
Joseph F. Ainsworth	Asapl B. Child	N. F. Edson	
Lyman Mason	Asa B. Snow	Charles C. Barry	
C. W. Blake	George Shurtevant	Wm H. Calrow	
Morrill Cole	Ebenezer Atkins	Wm H. Delano	
Henry Brevoort	Joseph Robbins	Lewall F. Pancher	
M. J. Cove	John Atkins	David Morgan	
Albert Bowker	James B. Allen	L. J. Livermore	
Thomas D. Desmond	Miles Sanford	Nath'l P. Gordon	

Ordered; That the Primary School Committee be and they are hereby authorized to organize their body and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient, and to remove such members thereof, as, in their opinion, do not attend to their duties, and to fill all vacancies, which may occur during the year: and that this Board will respectfully receive from them

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such communications as they may please to make on the subject of those schools.

P. S. Commee

mode of choice

Dr. Adams offered the following order: Ordered: That the Chairman of this Board be requested to submit to the City Council the propriety of passing an order that hereafter the Primary School Board shall be chosen by the Common Council. Read and laid on the table.

Williams

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On motion of Mr Lothrop, the memorial of Mr F. S. Williams, of the English High School, requesting compensation for a substitute employed by him during a recent illness, together with the report of a committee on that subject were taken from the files of the last year, and were referred, in connection with an order to pay Mr Williams the sum of twenty five dollars, to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Lincoln

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Mr Wightman submitted the following order: Ordered: That an order passed December 10. 1850, allowing one quarter's salary to Miss Mary G. Lincoln of the Chapman School be rescinded, and that instead thereof, there be paid to Miss Lincoln the sum of sixty four dollars, being the amount of compensation paid by her for the services of a substitute during her illness of sixteen weeks. Read and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

An order to pay the sum of twenty five dollars to Miss Lewis of the Hancock School in consideration of the necessity of employing a substitute for the first month of the last term, was read and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction. Jan'y 21. 1851. Lewis [vide p. 114]

Ordered: That the several Subcommittees on Appropriations be requested to ascertain what amount of money will be required to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools for the next financial year and report at the next Quarterly meeting in February.

Adjourned to the Quarterly Meeting in February at 4 o'clock. P. M.

Attest:

Sam'l. F. McCleary, Jr.

Secty

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A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday the fourth day of February A.D. 1851.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Reed, Bates and Alger.

Semi annual returns

The semi annual returns were received from all the Schools except the Endicott School for Boys and the Mather.

Quarterly Reports

The Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the Schools were read by their respective Subcommittees and were accepted by the Board; a motion to recommit the report on the condition of the Franklin School to the Subcommittee of that School with instructions to report certain changes of teachers in that School, having been lost by a vote of 8 to 10.

Annual Examination, Commee

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The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to make the Annual Examination of the Grammar and Writing Schools during the present year. viz - Messrs. Winslow, Fell, Adams, Alger, Church, Coolidge, Eaton Guild, and Thorndike.

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A communication from the proprietors of Brewer's Panorama of the Wonders of America, requesting permission for the Teachers and Pupils of the Public Schools to attend at a reduced rate, an exhibition of said Panorama, was read and laid on the table. — Brewer's Panorama

On motion of Dr. Beecher, Messrs Beecher, Lothrop, Reed, Simonds and Emerson were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of establishing a High School for Girls; and, if deemed expedient, to report a plan of organization. — High School for Girls

Ordered, That the Committee on the erection, alteration and ventilation of School-houses, be requested to examine into the subject of providing recitation rooms at the Mather School house, and, if deemed advisable, to make early application to the City Council to provide the same. — Mather Sch. Recitation rooms

Ordered, That a set of Pelton's Outline Maps be furnished for the use of the Phillips School. — Phillips Sch. Maps

Ordered, That the usual salary of an Usher be paid to Mr Jacob Tuck for his services in that capacity, in the Endicott School to February 1st. — Tuck. order to pay

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Rules & Regulations — amendments adopted

Masters how Chosen

Mr Norcross from the Committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations for the government of this Board and the Public Schools, reported the Rules of the School Committee and the Regulations of the Public Schools of the last year, with the following amendments — viz. From Sect. 1. Chapter I. of the Rules, strike out the words "a Committee on Music consisting of three members" —

In Sect. 2. Chapter V. of the Rules after the word ballot in the second line, add "and not less than ten votes shall be necessary to a choice".

From Chapter VI of the Rules strike out the whole of Sect. 14, and number the subsequent sections accordingly.

In Section 30. Chapter I. of the Regulations strike out the words "Wednesday" ("last") in the fourth line and insert "Monday preceding the last Wednesday" — and in the next line strike out the word "preceding" and insert "succeeding".

From Chapter II. of the Regulations strike out the whole of Section 11. and number the subsequent sections accordingly: and from Chapter III. of the Regulations strike out the whole of Section 26.

In Section 1. of the rules respecting the introduction of Books, after the word "furnish" in the third insert "each member of the Board with a copy of the book and" - and in the next line strike out the words "the book", and insert the word "it" - | Febry 4. 1851.

The Regulation authorizing the Masters of Latin and English High Schools to hold but one session of their respective schools on days when the weather is very inclement was so amended as to provide, that, on the occurrence of such days from April to October, those schools shall be kept until 2 o'clock P. M.

Which report was accepted, and the foregoing amendments were adopted, and it was thereupon ordered that five hundred copies of the Rules and Regulations be printed for the use of this Board. | Order to print 500 Copies

Ordered: That the subject of changing the limits around the Boylston School or suggesting any other plan by which said school may be filled up be committed to the subcommittees of the Boylston and Winthrop Schools. | Boylston Sch. Sections.

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Teachers nominated

The nominations of the following Teachers were received by the Board. viz-

Latin — John Noble, usher in the Latin School.

Hancock — Mary A. Kimball, assistant in the Hancock School

Winthrop — Abbie R. Parish do in the Winthrop School

Dwight — Mary Chandler do in the Dwight School

Teachers confirmed

The following Teachers were confirmed in their respective offices by the Board — viz-

Bigelow — Elizabeth Williams, assistant in the Bigelow School

Boylston — Benjamin N. Baker, teacher of music for the Boylston Sch.

Otis — Samuel W. Mason, usher in the Otis School, salary to commence December 1st 1850.

Franklin — Sarah A. Gale, assistant in the Franklin School, salary to commence on November 1st. 1850.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday the 18th inst. at 4 o.clock P.M.

Attest:

John N. McCleary Jr

Secretary

A meeting of the School com- Febry 18th. 1851
mittee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall
on Tuesday the eighteenth day of February A.D. 1851.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs.
Thorndike, Hahn, Church, and Wightman.

The Chairman appointed the Annual Ex-
Rev. Mr Randall on the Annual Examining Com- aining Com^ee.
mittee in place of Mr Guild, who declined.

The Committee on Temporary
Instruction to whom were referred three certain orders Temporary
January 21. 1851. submit their Report. The first Instruction
of these orders is as follows. "Ordered, That an order
passed December 10th. 1850 allowing one quarter's salary Lincoln.
to Miss Mary G. Lincoln of the Chapman School Lewis.
be rescinded and that instead thereof there be paid Williams.
to Miss Lincoln the sum of sixty four dollars being
the amount of compensation paid by her for the services
of a substitute during her illness of sixteen weeks."

The Committee learn that the Auditor declined
to pay the order passed December 10. 1850 on account
of the wording of the order: - and as it passed the
Board of the School Committee for the year 1850.
Your present Committee deem it hardly decorous
to neglect the decision of the former Board upon the
case. Your committee understand that the sum

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of sixty four dollars is what Miss Lincoln has paid for the services of a Substitute, and they therefore, in consideration of the weight of the opinion of the Board of 1850 officially expressed - and in view of the Equity which seem almost compulsory to the payment of a claim which would have been paid in due course except on account of the wording of the order passed by the former Board - respectfully recommend the passage of the order herewith submitted.

Ordered :- that the sum of sixty four dollars be paid to Miss Mary G. Lincoln recently of the Chapman School - being the amount of the compensation paid by her for the services of a substitute during her illness in the course of the last term.

The second and third of the orders referred to your Committee are as follows.

Ordered: That the sum of twenty five dollars be allowed to Miss Lewis of the Hancock School in consideration of the necessity of employing a substitute for the first month of the last term.

Ordered. That twenty five dollars be paid to Mr F. S. Williams of the English High School to compensate the services of a substitute during his sickness in October and November last, and that the papers relating to this case be taken from the files of the last Board and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Your Committee have made enquiry into

the cases referred to in these orders and do not find the circumstances to be such as to allow them to feel it right to report the cases as exceptions to the general rule laid down in the 13th Sec. of the 1st Chap. of the "Regulations of the Public Schools". Febry 18. 1851.

They came to this conclusion with reluctance, fully appreciating the importance of the matter to the parties in interest. It will be noticed however that only one of these cases arises from a "petition" which is the course prescribed in the Regulations. Without reference to the legal powers of the School Committee in the premises: it is obvious that the time honored maxim of being just before being generous applies with great force to cases like those in question, inasmuch as the money thus voted to be paid does not belong to the voters but to the taxpayers, and is in the hands of the School Committee as it were as Trustees, of whom even more adherence to the rules of strict justice may be expected in the distribution of the funds in their control than is to be expected of an individual in the disposition of his own property.

Your Committee therefore report that in their opinion these two last orders ought not to pass. For the Committee.

S. C. Guild. Chairman.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the above Committee the order for the payment

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of Miss Lincoln was adopted.

The Report of the Committee was accepted, and the orders to pay Miss Lincoln, and Mr Williams were severally ejected — a motion to lay the report and orders upon the table for the purpose of modifying the rule respecting substitutes having been lost.

Quincy Sch. Teacher

Miss Olive Kelley was confirmed as assistant teacher in the Quincy School - salary to commence Nov. 11. 1850.

Endicott Sch. Usher

The nomination of Mr Jacob Tuck as Usher in the Endicott School was taken from the table, and, on motion of Mr Norcross, Mr Tuck was confirmed in said capacity he having served acceptably to the Sub-Committee of the School.

Vacant Seats Commee on

Dr Adams having stated to the Board that there was a large number of vacant seats in most of the Grammar School houses in the City, Messrs Adams, Willis and Beecher were appointed a committee to consider said subject and report what action ought to be taken thereon.

Organization of Schools

Dr Adams offered the following order — Ordered: That a committee be appointed to organize all our public Grammar and writing schools upon a uniform and similar basis

and that the said Committee be instructed to introduce the plan of instruction already adopted in the Quincy, Mayhew, Bigelow and some others, into all the schools. Read and laid on the table. Febry 18. 1851.

Petition of Frederick T. Gray. Gray and Ephraim Peabody that the City would aid in the support of the Adult Evening School established in Pitts Street Chapel was read and referred to Messrs. Reed, Beecher, Adams, Eaton & Alger. Adult School.

The Board then adjourned

Attest:

Jas. C. O'M. Cleary Jr.
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March 11. 1851

A Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday March 11th A.D. 1851.

Present—

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Whittman and Randall.

Adult Schools

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of F. F. Gray and Ephraim Peabody that the City would aid in the support of the Adult evening School established in Pitts Street Chapel respectfully — Report — Your Committee find that the school for Adults in Pitts Street Chapel has now been in operation two winters. It was originally established by the Rev. Messrs Gray and Peabody and has continued under their care, the school being always attended by one of them. It has been found necessary to have one special teacher to superintend the School and Mr Charles E Valentine, Sub-master of the Quincy School has been employed for this purpose. He has been aided in the work of instruction by the voluntary efforts of a number of ladies and gentlemen who have devoted themselves with great diligence and perseverance to the service. It has been kept on four Evenings of each week, twice a week for females, and twice a week for males, two hours on Each evening commencing at 7 o'clock, and for five months in the year commencing the first of October. The average attendance is some-what more than one hundred.

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The success of the school in Pitts Street appears to have equalled the most sanguine expectations of its friends. We think no one can visit it without being struck with the correctness with which the pupils are engaged in their studies, or without being convinced that their efforts will be attended with the most important results.

At the same time that the petition for aid for the Pitts Street School was presented to this Board, a similar petition for assistance for an Adult School kept in the Warren Street Chapel was presented to the Rev. C. T. Barnard directed to the City Council. This petition was referred in like manner to the Committee on Primary Instruction, and we learn that the petition is favorably regarded by that Committee and that there is every reason to suppose that an appropriation will be made by the City Council sufficient to satisfy the wants of both Schools if asked for by this Board.

The School in the Warren Street Chapel was commenced by the Rev. Mr Barnard when very sick and has continued under his superintendence ever since. It commenced with only two scholars, but has been steadily increasing in numbers and usefulness. It is attended by from 70 to 80 Males, and by from 130 to 140 females. It is conducted much in the same way as the other. This being in fact the Model School, it having been the first of the kind established in Boston. We do not doubt that these schools have carried light to many minds

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which would otherwise have passed through the world in darkness, and been the source of comfort and happiness to many a family which would otherwise have been degraded and miserable.

There is still another primary school which is kept in South Boston: but this is understood to be supported by a charitable fund and to need no assistance from the City.

The work of rescuing a fellow being from a state of utter and otherwise hopeless ignorance is both one of the highest acts of charity and one of the most important uses not merely to the individuals themselves but to society at large. "He who feeds the hungry does a good deed; but he who imparts that knowledge which not only enables the human to obtain his own food, but makes him an intelligent useful member of society, does a far better one." Though it may well be questioned whether the City should be called upon to establish schools for the poor, still believing it ought not, we think to remain an unconcerned spectator of those which have been established and are chiefly sustained by private efforts and charity, or refuse the small pecuniary aid, which is asked in their behalf.

According to the Statutes of the Commonwealth, in addition to the sums of money for common schools which cities and towns are now by law authorized to raise, any city or town may appropriate such further sums of money as it may deem expedient for the support of schools

for the instruction of adults in reading, writing, englsh Gram- March 11. 1851
mar; anthmetic and geography. Such moneys shall be assessed, levied, collected and paid into the Treasury in the same manner that other town and city taxes are, and shall then be at the disposal of the School Committee of the town or city to be expended by them for the purpose aforesaid in such manner as they may deem expedient.

The sum required for the adult schools in Warren and Pitts Streets is $500. or $250 for each; and your committee unanimously recommend the adoption of the following orders; respectfully submitted. Sampson Read. T. B. Adams. Edmund Bacher. George Eaton. F. Hodges.

Ordered. That the City Council be requested to make an appropriation of the sum of five hundred dollars to be expended by the Grammar School Committee in aid of the Schools for Adults in Pitts Street and Warren Street, in such manner as they may deem expedient.

Ordered That the Mayor is requested to bring the above order before the notice of the City Council.

Read, accepted, and the orders passed.

Salaries of Teachers.

An order of the City Council appointing Aldermen Grant and Munroe, and Messrs Dunham, Haskell and Reed a committee to confer with this Board relative to the Salaries of the Teachers of the Grammar and High Schools, whereby a distinction may be made between those

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Who are resident citizens of Boston and those who are not - was read and Messrs Adams, Willis and Foster were appointed as a committee of conference on the part of this Board.

Dwight Sch. Alterations

Ordered, That the east room in the basement of the Dwight School House be made into one, with a recitation room, and furnished for the use of the Grammar School.

Otis School Section

An order, that the portion of the Otis School section for Boys, lying east of a line drawn through the centre of Traverse Street be set off from said District, and annexed to the Section of the Mayhew School - was read, and referred to the Subcommittees of the Otis and Mayhew Schools.

Chapman Sch Usher

Mr William A. Jenks was confirmed as Usher in the Chapman School.

Superintendent of Schools

The Committee appointed to confer with the City Council in regard to the appointment of a Superintendent of our Public Schools presented a long and elaborate Report upon that subject and recommended the adoption of the following Resolve and Order.

Resolved, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of twenty five hundred dollars as a salary for one year of a Superintendent of our Public Schools, who shall be elected by the

School Committee, and act under their advice and direc- March 11. 1851.
tion — who shall devote himself exclusively to the busi-
ness of his station — shall personally examine all the
Grammar Schools of the City and report as to their
condition — who shall also investigate and report by
what measures the efficiency and usefulness of our
present system may be increased, and by what mea-
sures its expenses may be diminished: and shall
perform such other duties as the School Committee
shall prescribe or may, from time to time, direct.

Ordered. That the Chairman be request-
ed to bring the above resolution before the notice of the
City Council.

Read, accepted and the reso-
lution and order passed. [Vide the foregoing Report in print,
City Doc. No. 16. for 1851.]

Adjourned:

Attest:

Sam.l F. McCleary. Jr.

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A Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on the eighth day of April A.D. 1851 - called on the following requisition -

Boston April 5. 1851.

To his Honor The Mayor, Chairman of School Committee. Sir,

The standing Committee on the Erection Alteration and Ventilation of School houses request a meeting of the Board to be holden on Tuesday next -

Frederick Emerson, Francis Alger -

All the members of the Board were present except the Chairman and Messrs Thorndike Hahn and Winslow.

Mather Sch. House.

The committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses, under the order of the Board passed Feb. 4th relative to enlarging the Mather School house have examined the premises and considered the question and now offer the following Report - The building in question is three stories high - The basement story is finished in three rooms one of which is a ward room and the other two Primary Schoolrooms. The second and third stories are appropriated to the Grammar and Writing Schools and are finished alike: each consisting of a large Schoolroom 60 by 40 feet in the clear, and a small recitation room, about 10 feet square. Each schoolroom will properly accommodate 200 scholars, making 400

for the two stories of the building.

It appears however that the present number of scholars attending the School is about 500 and that for the last year, about 100 of this number have been convened in the Wardroom and placed on movable seats, under circumstances not very favorable either to health or learning.

After due deliberation, your committee have concluded to recommend that the Northern end of the second and third stories of the building be extended upon lots 22 feet further into the yard — They would propose that the space thus gained in each story be finished in two rooms, one of which shall be twice the size of the other — the larger room to be furnished with fixed seats & desks and improved as a School room — and the smaller to be furnished with benches on the sides and improved as a recitation room. By this measure 6 additional accommodations for 130 scholars will be added to the house, a recitation room will be provided for each department, and the use of the Ward Room may be dispensed with. Respectfully submitted. Frederick Emerson, Francis Alger, Samuel W. Bates, Committee. Ordered: That the foregoing Report be transmitted to the City Council with the request of this Board that the measure therein recommended may be carried into effect.

Read, accepted and the order passed.

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Endicott Sch. House.

The Committee on the Alteration, Erection and Ventilation of School houses having had their attention called to the Endicott School house by request of the Subcommittee of the School and the repeated complaints of the Masters of the School respecting the State of the air in the rooms of the building, have given due attention to the matter and now make the following Report -

The schoolrooms of the Endicott School are six in number, all being in the second and third story of the building. The teachers in all the rooms complain, that the air is stifling and unsatisfactory to the demands of respiration, that it is frequently filled with black dust, and sometimes smells of coal gas - And they state these evils to have existed in a degree that has rendered it necessary to keep a window open in the coldest days of the past winter. An unusual degree of bronchial indisposition has prevailed among them which they attribute to the gas or the open windows, or both together. On examining the premises your committee found that the ventilating apparatus for taking air into the house, as well as that for drawing air out of the house was well arranged and in good operation; hence the circulation of air through the several rooms is sufficient in quantity.

This fact being ascertained, the next inquiry was - what injury is the air subjected to after it enters the building?

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In this investigation your committee have doubtless found the sources of the evil — they are in the bad condition of the cellar and the defective construction of the furnaces. The cellar bottom is below drainage. There is continually more or less water under the blank flooring and it sometimes rises above the planking.

There are three furnaces standing in the cellar. Their air chambers are sunk eight or ten inches lower than the cellar bottom and not being perfectly tight, the water sometimes gets in, and hence a foul evaporation is sent up into the school room.

The furnaces in this school house are of a different construction from the furnaces in any other school house in the city, and are liable to some objections — Their fire chamber is wholly of iron and is subjected to a degree of heat that greatly injures the vital properties of the air. The gas flues are rather complicated and although they may be favorable to the radiation of heat their joints are too liable to allow the escape of gas into the air chamber.

The state of things in this School house obviously calls for a remedy and your Committee recommend, as such, that, as early as the fires can be dispensed with, the furnaces shall be taken up, and the entire cellar bottom be raised 10 or 12 inches, by the introduction of gravel on which a brick pavement shall be laid in Roman cement. And they further recommend that before the approach of another cold season, the several rooms in the house

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be provided with ventilating stoves: or else that two furnaces be placed in the cellar, of the construction heretofore recommended and adopted by this Board. Respectfully submitted. Frederick Emerson. Francis Alger. Samuel N. Bates, Committee. Ordered - That a copy of the foregoing Report be transmitted to the City Council with the request of this Board that the measures therein proposed shall be carried into effect. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Vacation Fast Day

On the petitions of the pupils of the Latin and English High Schools that the Board would allow them the remainder of the week after Fast Day for a vacation - it was ordered - That the Latin, English High and Grammar Schools be allowed a vacation for the remainder of the week after the approaching Fast Day.

Rules & Regs amendment proposed

An order providing that the remainder of the week after the Annual Fast Day, appointed by the Governor of this Commonwealth, be added to the standing vacations of the Board, was read, and laid over, according to the Rules.

Independence. Pupils of Schools not to celebrate &c

Mr Wightman offered the following Resolves, which were read, and adopted - viz. Resolved. That in the opinion of this Board it is inexpedient for the pupils of the public schools to join in a procession on the morning of the day for celebrating the anniversary of our National Independence.

Resolved: That the Chairman of the Board communi- April 8. 1837.
cate the above Resolve to the City Council, and respect-
fully request them not to make any provision for a
public collation for the Schools, in their arrangements
for the celebration of the ensuing anniversary of Amer-
ican Independence.

The Chair announced to the Adult Schools
Board that agreeably to the request of the School
Committee - the sum of Five hundred dollars had been
appropriated by the City Council for the use of the
School Committee in aid of the Adult schools estab-
lished in Pitts and Warren Street Chapels: — and
also that the City Council had appropriated twenty Supt of Schools
five hundred dollars for the employment of a Superin-
tendent of the Public Schools who shall be chosen by the
School Committee and act under their control and
direction — Whereupon, on motion of Mr Reed,
it was — Ordered: That the sum of Two hundred Adult Schools.
and fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of Rev.
Frederick T. Gray in aid of the school for adults in
Pitt Street; and two hundred and fifty dollars at
the disposal of Rev. C. F. Barnard in aid of the school
for adults in Warren Street.

On motion of Mr Guild, The subject of the appointment Supt of Schools
of a Superintendent of the Schools was referred to a
Committee consisting of Messrs Adams, Beecher
Reed, Bates and Guild to prepare a plan prescribing
the duties of the Officer, his salary and tenure of

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Spice and the Aldens and report at some convenience. Said Committee were also authorized to consult with the City Solicitor, and to report to this Board in print.

Otis School Section

The Committee of this Board to whom was referred an order proposing an alteration of the line of boundary between the Otis and Mayhew School sections ask leave to report: That they have had under consideration the subject committed to them and find that the plan of enlarging the section of the Mayhew School can be more satisfactorily accomplished by embracing in the proposed transfer of territory a part of the section of the Phillips School - They therefore offer for adoption the following order. For the committee. E. D. G. Palmer.

Ordered. That the Committee of the Phillips School be added to that of the Otis and Mayhew Schools for the purpose of further considering the boundaries of the sections of the three schools.
Read, accepted and the order passed.

Franklin Sch. House.

On motion of Mr Coolidge - The Committee on the erection alteration and ventilation of School houses were requested to visit the Franklin School and report what improvement may be necessary in its warming and ventilating apparatus - and also to consider the expediency of dividing the lower room by a fixed or movable partition.

The Board then adjourned

to Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P. M. April 15. 1851.

Attest:

Wm. Wm Cleary Jr. Secy

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday the 15th. day of April A.D. 1851.

Present

The whole Board except the Chairman. Messrs Seavitt, Thorndike, Hahn, Lothrop and Willis.

On motion of Mr Wightman - Johnson Sch. House

Ordered: That the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of Schoolhouses be requested to examine and report upon the expediency of making an addition to the Johnson School House so that the school may be supplied with convenient Recitation rooms.

Mr John Noble was confirmed as Usher in the Latin School he having served the required term of probation - his salary to commence from December 1st 1850. Latin School Usher

April 15. 1851.

Primary Sch. Committee organization of

Mr Wightman offered the following—
Ordered: That the Chairman of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and requested to apply to the Legislature for an Act to authorize the Grammar School Committee to elect annually in the month of January such number of suitable persons as they shall deem expedient to have charge of the Primary Schools, and to whom the School Committee may delegate such powers and privileges as are necessary to the performance of their duties, and are not inconsistent with the Statutes of the Commonwealth. Read and referred to Messrs Wightman, Beecher and Simonds, with authority to consult the City Solicitor.

Dwight Sch. House

Ordered: That the Committee on the Election, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses be instructed to consider the expediency of making the East rooms of the basement of the Dwight School House into one, with a recitation room, and to furnish the same for the use of the Grammar School.

Annual Return

The Annual Return to the Commonwealth of the condition of the Public Schools of the City of Boston for the year 1850-51, having been prepared by the Secretary, was subscribed and sworn to by the members of the Board agreeably to the requirements of the Statutes of this Commonwealth.

Supt of Schools.

The Committee on the matter of Superintendent of Schools not being quite ready to report on that subject: it was ordered: that when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Friday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

The board then adjourned accordingly -

Attest:

Jam. T. McCleary Jr. Secry

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Friday, April 18. 1851 -

Present

The Chairman and the whole board except Mr Lothrop.

Report of Comee on Supt of Schools

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of an appointment of a Superintendent of the Public Schools presented their report on that subject in print. (vide City Document No 23) and recommended the passage of the following preamble and resolutions - viz -

Whereas a Resolution was adopted by this Board on the 11th of March last, requesting "the City Council to make an appropriation of Twenty five hundred dollars, as a Salary for one year of a Superintendent of our Public

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Schools, who shall be elected by the Grammar School Committee and act under their advice and direction" and, whereas, in conformity with this request an order has passed the City Council, unanimously, by which the appropriation, which was requested, has been made; therefore, in order to carry into effect the intention of the above named proceedings without unnecessary delay:

Resolved 1st. That this Board will meet on Tuesday the 29th of April for the purpose of electing by ballot a Superintendent of the Public Schools, for one year, whose term of Office shall commence on the first day of June, next ensuing, and whose Salary shall be at the rate of twenty five hundred dollars a year, to be paid quarterly.

Resolved 2d. That said Superintendent, in the discharge of his duties, shall act in accordance with the established regulations of the Public Schools, and in all cases be subordinate to the School Committee and act under their advice and direction.

Resolved 3d. That the duties of the Superintendent shall be as follows.

1st. He shall examine the Public Schools, and semi annually, shall present a report to the Board of their condition, and shall suggest in what measures their efficiency and usefulness may be increased and whether by any means the expenses of our school system can be diminished without prejudice to its interests.

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2d. He shall at all times render such aid and communicate such information to the Sub committees as they may require of him; and he shall also assist in the annual examination in such manner as shall be desired by the Annual Examining Committee.

3d. He shall devote himself to the study of our School System and of the condition of the Schools, and shall keep himself acquainted with the progress of instruction and discipline in other places, in order to suggest appropriate means for the advancement of the Public Schools in this City.

4th. He shall make investigations as to the number and the condition of the children in the City, who are not receiving the benefits offered by the Public Schools, and, so far as is practicable, shall find out the reasons and suggest the remedies.

5th. He shall consult with the different bodies, who have control in the building and altering of school houses, and with all those, through whom either directly or indirectly the school money is expended; that there may result more uniformity in their plans, and more economy in their expenditures.

6th. He shall perform such other duties as the School Committee shall prescribe, or from time to time direct.

On motion of Mr Brinley, the words "29th of April" were stricken out from the first resolve and the words "13th of May" were substituted in the place thereof. Amended.

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The question now being on the adoption of the Preamble and resolutions as amended — Mr Norcross moved to amend said Resolutions by striking out the whole of the first Resolve and the first three lines of the 3d Resolve, and to substitute therefor the remainder of the 3d Resolve with the following introduction, so that the same would read as follows.

"Resolved 1st. That it is expedient to elect annually a Superintendent of Public Schools, whose duties shall be as follows: 1st. He shall examine the Public Schools under the advice of their respective Subcommittees, and, semiannually &c"

Amendments rejected.

After a protracted debate, during which a motion to lay the subject on the table was lost, on motion of Mr Willis the Previous Question was sustained: and the vote being taken on the amendments as proposed by Mr Norcross, the same were rejected.

Yeas & Nays Resolves passed.

The question then recurred upon the acceptance of the Report and the passage of the original resolves, and the yeas and nays being ordered, the same were taken as follows. Yeas, Messrs. Beecher, Leavitt, Hahn, Church, Reed, Tracy, Willis, Adams, Coolidge, Bates, Guild, Fell, Foster, Eaton, Mann, Brinley, and the Mayor. 17.

Nays. Messrs Palmer, Winslow, Emerson, Norcross, Wightman and Simonds. 6. Absent. Messrs Thorndike, Lothrop and Randall. 3. So said Preamble

and resolves were adopted accordingly. April 18. 1851.

Mr Willis gave notice, that at the next meeting of the Board he should move for a re-consideration of the foregoing vote. Notice of re-consideration

Mr Emerson from the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses presented three Reports and orders respecting the Franklin, Johnson and Dwight School houses, which were read and laid on the table.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest:

Sam. G. McCleary. Jr.

Secretary.

April 22. 1851.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday April 22d. A. D. 1851.

Present

The whole Board except the Chairman. Messrs Leavitt, Thorndike, Hahn, Lothrop, Winslow & Adams,

The President of the Common Council presided —

Mr Emerson's motion that the reports in the Dwight, Johnson and Franklin School houses be taken from the table - was adopted, and thereupon it was

Dwight Sch. House

Ordered: That the City Council be requested to remove the partitions, casements, closets and cellar stairs in the basement of the Dwight School House on the eastern side of the main aisle, and convert the outer door thereof into a window — Also that they erect another partition across the area of the Eastern basement dividing it into two unequal parts so as to appropriate about one fourth part of the area to a recitation, and the remainder to a school room.

Franklin Sch. House

On order that the attention of the City Council be requested to the condition of the Franklin School House the same not being provided with any effectual means of ventilation — was read and recommitted to the Committee on Erection & Ventilation of School Houses with instructions to report a plan of Ventilation more in detail, and also to report respecting a partition in the lower room.

April 22. 1851.

An order that the City Council be requested to erect recitation rooms on the western side of the Johnson School House 18 by 28 feet on the floor — was read and re-committed to the Committee on Erection Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses with instructions to confer with the Sub-committee of the Johnson School respecting the proposed alteration —

Johnson Sch. House

Mr Willis, agreeably to his notice, moved a reconsideration of the vote, whereby this Board at the previous meeting, adopted the Preamble and resolves providing for the establishment and election of a Superintendent of Public Schools — which motion, after considerable discussion, was lost.

Superintendent. Reconsideration Lost.

The Board then adjourned

Attest:

Jno. V. McCleary Jr.

Secretary

May 6. 1851

A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday the 6th of May A.D. 1851.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs. Beecher, Atwood, Adams, Wightman & Foster.

Quarterly Reports

The Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the schools except the Johnson, were read by their respective subcommittees and were accepted by the Board.

Teachers

The following Assistant Teachers were nominated to the Board subject to the term of

Mather

probation required by the Rules, their services having

Chapman

commenced in March last. viz - Laura A.

Endicott

Bartholomew, for the Mather School - Louisa A. H. Winnek and Miss Caroline H. Rice for the Chapman School, and Caroline King for the Endicott School.

Lyman Sch.

The nomination of Mr L. H.

Music Teacher

Eastham as Music teacher for the Lyman School was confirmed by the Board: and the nomination of

Winthrop Sch.

Miss Abbie R. Parish, as Assistant Teacher in the

Teacher

Winthrop School was confirmed by the Board.

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Mr Lothrop offered the following Ordered. That so much of the 9th Sect. of the 4th Chap. of the Regulations of the Public Schools, as relates to the time of holding the morning and afternoon sessions of the English High School between the first Monday of April and the first Monday in October be so amended as to read as follows: "From the first Monday in April to the first Monday in October, annually, this school shall begin at 8 o'clock A.M. and end at 11½ o'clock A.M. From the first Monday in April to the first Monday in October it shall begin at 3 P.M. and end at 5½ o'clock P.M." Which order was read and adopted, the rules of the Board having been suspended for that purpose.

Eng: High. Sch. Hours.

The Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses presented a new report on the condition of the Franklin School House, recommending a better system of Ventilation in the same, and also that the large Hall in the second story be divided by means of a central partition - to which Report was subjoined the following Resolve - Resolved that the foregoing Report be transmitted to the City Council with the request of this Board that the measures therein proposed may be carried into effect. Which report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted -

Franklin Sch. House.

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Johnson Sch. House.

The Standing Committee on School Houses to whom their report relative to improvements on the Johnson School House was recommitted have again examined the said school house and again offer their Report -

The Improvement called for in this case is the addition of recitation rooms; and, in their first report your committee recommended the building of such rooms upon the western side of the house. It now appears that the re-commitment of the report originated in a preference on the part of the local committee of the School to have the recitation rooms constructed on the Eastern side of the house. The local committee give reasons for their preference which are not without weight and some of the inhabitants of the neighborhood of the school house, whose opinions and wishes are entitled to consideration, are quite desirous that the Western yard shall remain open. Under these circumstances your committee are not unwilling to change their plan so far as relates to the location of the recitation rooms, & report in favor of their construction on the Eastern side of the Schoolhouse. Your committee would also recommend one other improvement to be made in the Johnson School House, that is, a better finish on the exterior of the western door - When the House was built the western side was the back side, and the present western door was a back door. Since that time a row of old buildings has been cleared off from

Fremont Street, and left the western side of the School House entirely exposed to the street. The proper appearance of the Building now requires, that freestone pilasters, with side lights and a suitable portico should be added to the Western side. Respectfully submitted
T. Emerson, Francis Alger, Samuel W. Bates, Com^ee. Mar. 6. 1857.

Resolved - That the City Council be requested to cause Recitation rooms to be constructed on the Eastern side of the Johnson School House by extending the end walls of the Building to an even front with the central projection, and closing in a present vacant square on each end - Also to cause a proper finish to be added to the Western door of the building.

Read, accepted and the resolve passed.

The Board then adjourned

Attest:

Jam^s. C. McCleary. Jr.
Secretary

May 13. 1851

A Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday the thirteenth day of May. A.D. 1851.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except the President of the Common Council and Dr. Adams—

Agreeably to assignment the Board voted to proceed by ballot to the choice of a Superintendent of the Public Schools, who shall hold his office for one year commencing on the first day of June next ensuing, and whose salary shall be at the rate of twenty five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

Supt of Pub. Schools

On motion of Mr Alger the foregoing vote was laid upon the table for the purpose of the introduction of the following Resolve— viz—

Resolved: That, while it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to inculcate the highest precepts of morality and Christianity, he shall abstain from all allusions in his conversation and addresses to controverted points of doctrinal theology, to those doctrines, which now divide the Christian Church into various denominations; and, in recommending Teachers, or selecting Books, while he shall have due regard to faith in the Christian Religion, and to the principles of morality, he shall allow no sectarian references to influence him but shall

Resolve as to duties of Supt

be governed by liberal and impartial views.
Which resolve was read and adopted.

The Board then proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Superintendent of Public Schools. and Messrs Norcross, Palmer and Hahn were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The Board having balloted seven times without effecting a choice, Mr Lothrop moved a postponement of the election for one week, and the question being taken thereon, it was rejected.

Supt chosen

The Board then voted to proceed to the eighth ballot, and the votes having been collected and counted it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 24: necessary for a choice 13. Nathan Bishop had 13: and was therefore declared to be elected Superintendent of Public Schools.

B. Field's death.

The Subcommittee of the Franklin School beg leave to submit the following Special Report. It is with feelings of regret and sorrow that they announce to this Board, the decease, after a short illness, of Mr Barnum Field, master of the Franklin School. Mr Field has been a long and faithful servant of the City, in the responsible office with which he was entrusted. His appointment bears the date of nearly a quarter of a century ago: during the whole of this long series of years he has been a devoted, efficient and successful Teacher of our Youth.

Report of Subcommittee

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Many a young man has been trained under his influence to occupy stations of honor and responsibility in the community in which he lived, and many a young woman to fulfil becomingly the sacred duties which belong to a woman's elevated sphere.

The city has lost in him a worthy citizen and officer, a man distinguished by an integrity, a conscientious purpose and an unfailing energy. The Committee cannot express their estimate of the character of Mr Field in better terms than those, in which his co-laborers have chosen to express their respect for his memory - "That in his death not only has his family lost a devoted husband and father, but the interests of education a discerning and efficient friend, the cause of truth and good morals a firm and fearless advocate whose powerful influence has long been felt far beyond the immediate sphere of his stated labors, or the city in whose employ he so usefully spent most of the years of his vigorous manhood: and that besides the consolations of his Christian hope, it is a solace in this bereavement to feel assured that his daring talents his acquirements & his noble passion, if will continue even where he has been unknown still accomplishing a good, which was the earnest, the constant and the governing desire of his heart."

The Committee would recommend, as a token of respect, that the salary of the late Mr Field be continued to the end of the

School year for the benefit of his widow. May 13. 1851.

The Committee

desire that the vacancy now existing in the Franklin School should be immediately supplied - they propose that the post be filled not by the election of a new Teacher but by the transfer of one already in the employ of the City. Read and unanimously accepted.

In accordance with the recommendations contained in the foregoing report: Mr Coolidge offered the following order - viz Ordered: That the vacancy in the Franklin School caused by the sudden decease of Mr Field be immediately supplied: — and the question being taken on its passage, the same was declared by the Chairman to be passed. Mr Emerson appealed from the decision of the Chair, on the ground that the passage of such an order at this time was a violation of the Rules of the Board. And the question being taken on the Appeal; the decision of the Chair was sustained by a vote of 12 to 1.

Vacancy to be filled.

Appeal from decision of the Chair

Ordered: That Samuel L. Gould of the Winthrop School be transferred to the Masterships of the Franklin School, and that he enter upon his duties on Monday May 19th. current.

Franklin Sch. Master appoin.d

Ordered: That the salary of the late Mr Barnum Field be continued to the end of the present School Year.

Field's salary to continue

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Latin School Hours

Ordered: That the Sub-committee of the Latin School be requested to consider and report whether it would be useful or expedient to make any change in the hours for keeping that school.

Winthrop Sch. re-organization

Mr. Bates offered the following order. Ordered: That the "Winthrop" School be organized upon the Third Plan, and that the Sub-committee of said School, as soon as it is practicable, appoint, according to the "Rules and Regulations", one Head Assistant and one assistant female teacher. Read and laid over according to the Rules.

Dwight Sch. Teacher

Miss Elizabeth F. Wyman was nominated as Assistant Teacher in the Dwight School.

Johnson Sch. Quarterly Rep't

The Quarterly Report of the Johnson School was read by the Sub-committee of that School and was accepted by the Board.

Mr Emerson submitted the following Resolve and order - and moved their adoption -

Memorial to Legislature - and Resolves.

"Whereas this Board have heard that the Legislature of the Commonwealth have now under consideration a bill, the entire provision of which is in the following words - namely - "No child shall be excluded from any of the Public Schools of the Commonwealth on account of color

Smith School

or race" - and Whereas the Public Schools of Boston May 13, 1851
are now liberally and happily organized with separate schools for the two principal races of children - offering equal opportunity of learning to both, without subjecting either to objectionable associations - and Whereas, if the said bill should become a law, it would greatly disturb and distract the present liberal and happy arrangement of our schools - therefore

Resolved. That this Board do respectfully memorialize the Legislature, and seriously protest against the enactment of the said Bill, and that they do this in the full belief, that the results of such enactment would prove equally injurious to the best interests of both races of children.

Ordered: That a Committee be appointed by the Chairman, who shall be charged with the presenting a certified copy of this Preamble and resolution to the Legislature, and who shall take such measures as they may deem expedient to oppose the enactment of said Bill.

Read, and said Preamble Resolve and Order were unanimously adopted, and Messrs Guild, Reed and Wightman were appointed said Committee

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

Edwd. F. Mc Cleary Jr.

Secretary

May 20. 1851.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on the twentieth day of May A.D. 1851.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Leavitt, Lothrop, Emerson, Wightman, Guild, Randall and Alger.

Winthrop Sch. re-organized

On motion of Mr Bates the order respecting the organization of the Winthrop School was taken from the table, amended and passed, as follows - viz -

Ordered: That the Winthrop School be organized upon the "Quincy Plan", as authorized by a vote of the School Committee passed January 17. 1849, and that the Subcommittee of said School, as soon as is practicable, appoint, according to the Rules and Regulations, one Head Assistant, and one assistant female teacher -

Latin Sch Hours changed.

Ordered: That the hours for keeping the Latin School be so changed that from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in October. it shall begin at 9 o'clock A.M. and end at 1 o'clock - instead of beginning at 8 o'clock and ending at 12 as heretofore -

Boylston Sch. Teachers

Miss Maria A. Moulton & Miss Anna J. Foster were appointed assistant teachers

in the Boylston School: and Miss Helen M. Ireton was nominated as Assistant Teacher in the Franklin School. Franklin Sch Teachers

The Board then adjourned

Attest:

Wm. L. McCleary, Jr.

Secretary

A Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, on Friday July 11. 1857.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board, except the President of the Common Council. Messrs. Beecher, Leavitt, Thorndike, Hahn, Church, Lothrop, Winslow, Emerson, Willis, Adams and Foster.

On motion of Mr Wightman ——— School Festival

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it is expedient and desirable that the Annual Festival of the Teachers and Medal Scholars of the Public Schools, should be held at Faneuil Hall, on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 29th., the day of the Annual Exhibition of the Grammar Schools.

Ordered: That the Chairman of this Board respectfully request the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to take such action as they deem proper

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that the reasonable expenses of the "Festival" may be defrayed by the City.

Ordered: That Messrs Wightman, Algee, Emerson Bates, and Hondlee be a committee to make the necessary arrangements in relation to the said "Festival".

Latin Sch. vacation extended.

Petition of George Bullett and others, parents of pupils attending the Latin School, praying that the ensuing vacation of that School may be extended to the month of September, was read, and thereupon on motion of Mr Reed it was ordered, (the rules of the Board having been suspended for the purpose) that the vacation in the Latin School be extended the present year to Monday the first day of September, and that the examinations for admission to that School take place on Friday and Saturday of the last week in August.

Bartlett

Dixwell resigns

The Chairman communicated to the Board that Mr Dixwell the Master of the Latin School had signified to the Subcommittee of that School his intention to resign his said office at the expiration of the present School year.

Endicott Sch. Franklin Sch. Teachers.

Miss Caroline King was confirmed as teacher in the Endicott School and Miss Helen M. Ireton as teacher in the Franklin School.

The Board then adjourned. August 5. 1851

Attest: Sam[l] W. McCleary Jr.

Secretary.

A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 5th. A.D. 1851.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board, except Messrs Lothrop, Winslow, Norcross and Willis.

The semi-annual returns were received from all the Schools - and the Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the Schools, except the Eng. High, the Bowdoin Mayhew and Boylston, were read by their respective Sub-committees, and were accepted by the Board. Semi-annual Returns Quarterly Reports

On motion of Dr Beecher, it was ordered, that it be enjoined on the committees of the schools from which no quarterly reports have been received, to proceed without delay in the discharge of their duties, and that this Board adjourn to three weeks from this date to receive their reports, and that the Secretary communicate this order to said committees. Order for committees to report.

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Winthrop Sch. Building. changes in

The Sub-committee of the Winthrop School beg leave to submit the following special report. The recent changes in the organization of the Winthrop School, by the transfer of one of the masters, and by the placing of all those, who before constituted two schools, under the charge of one master necessarily involves such an alteration in the building as will adapt it to the system there established. The house is divided into small rooms, the largest of which contains seats for only sixty scholars. But the number of pupils, who attend the school varies between five and six hundred. There is no hall provided for the use of the school, no appropriate place for the yearly exhibition, no place for the singing exercises, no place for the general exercises, no place in which the master can meet his pupils face to face. What he wishes to tell them he must now tell ten times in ten different rooms. To say nothing of the teachers loss of time, there must be a great loss in the energy and efficiency with which the teacher gives his advice, while the whole moral effect of numbers, each influencing the other is wholly wanting.

The enthusiastic teacher calling together, time by time, the pupils of the different rooms, and assembling them before him in one view, will be aroused by the feeling of responsibility which his presence will urge upon him: he cannot speak coldly, and if he is an honest faithful teacher he will exert a powerful influence for

good, and one, which he never could exert were he obliged August 5. 1851.
to divide and repeat himself to suit the capacities of the
different rooms.

When the Winthrop consisted of two schools, it was barely possible by crowding in to two small rooms, to teach music to a small portion of the school, and now it will be necessary to continue the same imperfect method, though at a cost of $200 per annum, until a hall can be furnished — All the other schools in the City "under the one headed" system are provided with a hall, and we deem it highly important to the best interest of this school that similar provisions should be made here, as soon as the City Government can find it practicable —

Again, there is a space in front of the School building which is most of the time occupied by the dirty boys of the street, who are constantly playing ball against the house, using improper language as the girls pass, and spreading their filth in every direction. The four Primary Schools on the lower floor of the house are all poorly accommodated. Three of the rooms the scholars occupy are dark and gloomy and the scholars of two of the rooms have no yard and no privies, but at recess are all turned into the street, and the premises give abundant indications of the inconveniences of the accommodations.

The Sub-Committee report therefore, that the following changes should be made in the Winthrop School House.

Ordered. That the partitions on the lower floor

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be taken away, and that the rooms now occupied by Primary Schools be converted into a Hall for the use of the Winthrop School.

Ordered: That the front of the Building be remodeled; the entrance at the northwest corner be converted into a window, an iron fence made to inclose the City Ground, and the Privies re-modelled. S. N. Bates. Chan. of Sub. Com^e.

The Committee present the following additional order. viz. Ordered: That the report submitted by the Committee of the Winthrop School be referred to the Committee on Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses, with instructions to lay the same before the Committee on Public Buildings. Read, accepted and the orders passed.

Dwight Sch. Sub master [vide. p. 180]

The following order was read and laid over according to the Rules—

Ordered: That the Sub-committee of the Dwight School be authorized to nominate to the Board, for election, a Sub Master for the Boys' Department of said School instead of an Usher, as heretofore.

Endicott Sch. Winthrop Sch. Teachers

William A. Dickinson was nominated as Usher in the Endicott School, and Miss Page was nominated as Head Assistant and Miss Weed as assistant in the Winthrop School, subject to the usual term of probation.

Ordered, That Miss Mary E. Melvin having been employed by the Sub-committee of the Lyman School as a teacher in said School for two quarters, be paid for the services rendered by her, one hundred and fifty dollars, the usual salary. — Aug. 5th 1851 — Melvin — Order to pay

Petition of Kidder and Cheever, publishers, that Emerson's National Spelling Book be restored to the course of instruction in the Grammar Schools, was read and referred to the Committee on Books. — Kidder et ne — National Spelling Book.

Ordered - That the Committee on Books be requested to examine the System of Mnemonics, as applied to Chronology, recently published by Miss E. P. Peabody; to report to this Board the cost and expediency of introducing the System into the course of instruction in the Grammar Schools. — Peabody's Mnemonics

Mr Wightman offered the following amendment to the Rules, which was read and laid on the table for subsequent action - viz. Strike out articles 2 and 3. of Sect 14. Chapter VI of the Rules and insert the following - 2. In the month of August, annually, the Board shall elect a Master of Music to provide instruction in singing, and to superintend the same, in the Grammar Schools, for one year, unless — Music new rule. [vid. p. 183]

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sooner removed by the vote of the Board. The expense to be one hundred dollars per annum for each school: this sum to include the consideration for the use of a Piano Forte and the appurtenances.

Medals - New Dies -

Ordered: that Messrs Wightman, Eaton and Bates be a committee to enquire and report to this Board the cost of executing the necessary Dies with appropriate designs for the Franklin and City Medals.

Mayhew Sch. Master resigns

The Chairman of the Sub committee of the Mayhew School presented to the Board a letter from William D. Swan resigning his office as Master of said School.

Secry to advertise &c

Whereupon it was ordered, that the Secretary cause the usual advertisements to be inserted in the newspapers for applications for the vacant Mastership in the Mayhew School - and that applications be received by the Secretary until August 12th.

Mayhew Sch. Comee to report a transfer if deem. expedient.

Ordered: that the Committee upon nominating a candidate to fill the vacant Mastership in the Mayhew School shall take into consideration and report upon the expediency of transferring one of the masters, to that position, from any of the schools in which there are now two Masters.

On motion of Mr Alger, it was — Aug. 5. 1851

Ordered, that notice be given in the public daily papers that a vacancy exists in the Department of Head Master of the Boston Latin School, and that applications to fill the same will be received by the Secretary until the third Tuesday of October next. — Latin School. Secry to advertise.

A motion to suspend the Rules for the purpose of authorizing the sub committee of the Latin School to report to the Board a suitable candidate to fill the vacancy was lost.

On motion of Mr Simonds the Secretary was directed to cause to be printed for the use of the Board previous to the next meeting, a list of the Grammar Schools - with the number of pupils of each sex, and the number of Teachers of each grade attached to each of said schools on the 2d. of July last, and also the number of instructers to which each school is entitled. — Abstract of Semi annual returns to be printed -

On motion of Mr Wightman the rules of the Board were suspended, and Messrs Church, Winslow, Adams, Thorndike, Hahn and Lothrop were appointed a committee to examine the candidates for the office of Master of the Mayhew School. — Com^te. of Exam^n. for Master of Mayhew Sch -

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Wm. P. McCleary Sec'y

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A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of August. 1857.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole Board, except Messrs Beecher, Lothrop, Emerson, Willis, Adams, Coolidge and Randall.

Quarterly Repts. Eng. High & Boylston Sch.

Agreeably to a vote passed at the previous meeting of the Board, Quarterly Reports were read by the Sub-committees of the English High and Boylston Schools, and were accepted by the Board.

Annual Report

Mr Winslow, from the Committee appointed to make the Annual Examination of all the Grammar and Writing Schools under the charge of the Board, submitted the report of said examination; which was read and accepted, and, together with the reports on the condition of the Latin and English High Schools, was ordered to be printed, and distributed among the citizens according to law.

It was also further, Resolved, That in accepting the annual report of the Committee on the state of the Schools, the Board is not to be understood as expressing any opinion relative to the expediency of any alterations in the School System, which are recommended in the said Report.

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Railway Celebration

On motion of the President of the Common Council, it was — Ordered that Messrs Wightman, Guild, Palmer, Tracy and Thorndike be a committee to confer with any Sub-committee of the Joint Special Committee of the City Council on the proposed Railway celebration, on the expediency of requesting the several Grammar and Primary Schools to participate in the ceremonies of the occasion, with authority to make arrangements accordingly.

Latin Sch. Temporary Usher

On motion of Mr Reed, it was Ordered: That the Sub-committee of the Latin School be authorized to procure the services of a temporary Usher, from the commencement of the next term till such time as a Master shall be elected, and ready to enter upon the duties of his office.

Mayhew Sch. Rt. of Commee Mastership

Dr Church, from the Committee appointed to present a suitable candidate for the Mastership of the Mayhew School, reported a recommendation that, if a new election take place, Mr W. Battles the present Submaster in that School be promoted; — but if a transfer be desirable by the Board, that Mr Samuel Swan of the Phillips School be selected as the candidate. Read and accepted.

At the suggestion of the Chairman

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Superintendt Commun

the Superintendent of Schools submitted to the Board a brief statement of facts, respecting the number of children now attending the Public Schools, and also the number of unoccupied seats in the schools, from which it appears, that there has been a diminution of scholars at the Northern portion of the City, and that one of the school houses in that section may be easily dispensed with, and the pupils, attending it, distributed among the adjoining schools.

This statement having been read,

Commee of the Whole

the Board, on motion of Mr Wightman, went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Schools in question - the President of the Common Council in the Chair.

Otis School discontinued

After a full discussion of the subject the Committee rose, &, through their Chairman, reported to the Board the following Preamble and Orders, and recommended their adoption - viz -

Whereas, from a statistical statement presented to this Board by the Superintendent of the Public Schools in relation to the unoccupied seats in the Eliot, Endicott, Mayhew, Phillips, Hancock, Wells and Bowdoin Schools, it appears that the pupils now attending the Otis School can be accommodated in the above named Schools, and

Whereas, the location of the Otis School has been long considered by this committee as exceedingly objectionable, and that neither the interest of the Schools nor the convenience of the citizens, requires the continuance

of the Otis School — therefore — Aug. 26. 1851

Ordered: That on and after this date the Otis School be discontinued and that such disposition be made of the teachers as may be deemed expedient.

Ordered: That such changes be made in the organiza- Endicott Sch.
tion of the Endicott School as may be rendered ne- re-organized
cessary to carry the above arrangement into effect.

Read, accepted and the orders passed, and the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy to the City Council —

The Board then voted to proceed by ballot to the choice of Masters of the Public Schools for the ensuing year.

In this connection the Chairman pre- Non-resident
sented to the Board the following resolution, which had Teachers
been adopted by the City Council - viz - In the opinion of the City Council, the interests of the Public Schools require, that all the teachers in the same should reside in the City, and be inhabitants thereof, therefore, it is recommended to the School Committee to make a rule prohibiting any teacher elected by that Board from residing out of the City, unless for special reasons, he shall be expressly permitted, by a vote of said committee, so to reside.

Mr Reed, offered the following Preamble and order - Whereas it has been recommended to the School Committee by the City Council to make a rule prohibiting any teacher elected by that Board from residing out of the City unless for special reasons he shall

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be expressly permitted, by a vote of said Committee, so to decide Teachers

Ordered: that the foregoing recommendation be adopted, on this condition. viz. that it be restricted in its application to those teachers, who shall be hereafter elected to office by this Board for the first time. Read, and, on motion of Mr Bates, the whole subject was laid upon the table: ——— and the Board proceeded to the choice of Masters. Messrs Eaton and Foster were appointed a committee to collect and count the votes, with the following results.

Masters elected

English High School	—	Thomas Sherwin
Adams	—	Samuel Barrett
Bigelow	—	Frederick Crafts
Brimmer.	Abraham Andrews.	James Robinson
Boylston.	John C. Dore.	Charles Kimball
Brimmer,	Joshua Bates. Jr.	John H. Butler
Chapman - for Boys -		John P. Averill
Chapman for Girls -		Loring Lothrop
Dwight for Boys -		James A. Page
Dwight for Girls -		George B. Hyde
Eliot.	William O. Ayres.	Levi Conant
Endicott.	John F. Nourse -	Joseph W. Jenks
Franklin		Elmund L. Gould
Hancock		George Allen. Jr
Hawes		John A. Harris
Johnson, North		Richard G. Parker
Johnson, South		Joseph Hale
Lyman for Boys		Hosea H. Lincoln

Lyman for Girls		Isaac P. Shepard	Aug. 26. 1851
Mather	Josiah A. Stearns	Jonathan Battles Jr.	
Mayhew,		Samuel Swan	
Phillips,	James Hovey	Benjamin Drew Jr	
Quincy,		John D. Philbrick	
Smith,		Thomas Paul	
Wells,	Cornelius Walker	Reuben Swan Jr.	
Winthrop,		Henry Williams Jr.	

Ordered: That the Chairmen of the Sub-committees on the Eliot, Endicott, Mayhew, Phillips, Hancock, Wells and Bowdoin Schools constitute a committee to report such alterations in the boundaries of the Sections of said schools, as shall become necessary by reason of the discontinuance of the Otis School. School Sections. Change in.

The Board then adjourned to Friday next at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest: Wm. P. McCleary Jr.
Secretary

Aug 29. 1851

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Friday August 29. A.D. 1851.

Present

The Chairman, Messrs Thorndike, Hahn, Palmer Winslow, Emerson, Norcross, Reed, Coolidge, Wightman, Guild, Bell, Eaton and Simonds.

Bowdoin Sch. Quar. Rept.

The Quarterly Report on the condition of the Bowdoin School was read by the Chairman of the Subcommittee and was accepted by the Board.

School Sections New ones.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to report the alterations necessary in the boundaries of certain School sections in consequence of the discontinuance of the Otis School - recommend 1st. That the boundaries of the present Sections for the Eliot and the Phillips Schools remain unchanged.

2d. That the boundaries of the Endicott School section commence at Charles River Bridge, running by the water to the Lowell R. Road, thence by the Rail Road to Minot Street; thence through the centre of Minot street to Nashua street, thence through the centre of Nashua street to Causeway Street, thence through the centre of Causeway street to Portland Street, thence through the centre of Portland Street to Hanover street, thence through the

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centre of Hanover to Elm street, thence through the centre of Elm street to Dock Square, thence across Dock Square, through the centre of Exchange Street to State street, and thence through State Street to the water and by the water to the Richmond Street, thence by the western boundary of the Eliot school section to Charles River Bridge the bound first named.

3d. That the boundaries of the Section for the Mayhew School commence at the Lowell Rail Road at the water, running thence by the water to Poplar Street, thence through the centre of Poplar Street to Chambers Street, thence through the centre of Chambers Street to Cambridge Street, thence across Cambridge and through the centre of Billerica and Ivy Streets to Beacon street, thence through the centre of Beacon and School Streets to Washington street, thence through the centre of Washington street to State street, thence through the centre of State street to Exchange street, and thence by the boundary of the Endicott School Section to the Lowell Rail Road the bound first named.

4th. That the boundaries of the Section for the Hancock School commence on the Maine Rail Road at the water, running thence by the Rail Road to Haymarket Square, thence through the centre of Haymarket Square to Portland street, thence through the centre of Portland street to Sudbury street thence through the centre of Sudbury street to Court street thence through the centre of Court street to State street, thence through the centre of State street to the water

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thence by the water to the Maine Rail Road, the bound first named.

5th. That the present boundary line between the Wells and the Bowdoin School Sections remain unchanged and that the Otis School Section be divided by a line running through the centre of Causeway Street from the Maine Rail Road, to Lowell Street, connecting the Northern portion to the Wells School and the Southern portion to the Bowdoin School Sections.

These divisions have been made in accordance with the best information that could be obtained and it is hoped that all the pupils will be well accommodated and that none of the rooms will be crowded. Such alterations can be made hereafter as experience and observation may suggest. Respectfully submitted by H. Winslow for the Committee. Read and accepted and the foregoing boundaries were established by the Board.

Maps of Sch. Sections

On motion of Mr Emerson —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be instructed to procure maps of the City with the boundaries of the various School Sections marked thereon, and that the Secretary furnish copies to each member of the Board.

Endicott Sch. organization

Ordered, That the committee on the Endicott School be authorized to organize

that School on the plan of a Grammar & Writing School if in their opinion such an arrangement will promote its interests. Aug. 29. 1851.

The committee on Books, through their Chairman offered the following order ——— Ordered, That Masters of the Boston Grammar Schools be requested to have Worcester's Primary Dictionary used by their scholars in their two lower Classes — Read, and on motion of Mr Wightman, recommitted to the Book Committee. Worcester's Primy Dictionary

The Board then proceeded to the choice of Teachers for the several schools, who were nominated by the respective Sub-committees and were confirmed by the whole Board — as follows. ——— Latin School — Caleb Emery Submaster, John Noble, Usher — Charles Hale subject to the usual probation, and J. G. Clark as temporary usher. English High School — Luther Robinson, First Submaster, Francis S. Williams, Second Submaster, Samuel M. Weston and Charles M. Cumston, Ushers. Adams School — Bartholomew Wood, Submaster Ira Chocver, Usher, Mary E. Peck, Lucy F. Hall, Mary M. Knight. Assistants. Bigelow School — Julia M. Baxter, H. Maria Manning, Martha C. Jenks, Rebecca M. Harris, Celinda Seaver, Elisabeth Williams. Assistants. Bowdoin School — Rebecca Lincoln, Mary S. Teachers chosen

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Robinson, Mary A. Murdock, Sarah M. Mitchell Hannah F. Andrews, Mary Ann Smith, Louisa Clark, and Emeline French, Assistants.

Boylston School — William F. Adams, Franklin Webster. Ushers — Clarinda H. F. Treadwell, Mary Ann Harris, Catharine H. Snow, Ellen M. Treadwell Maria A. Moulton, Anna A. Foster. Assistants

Brimmer School — Daniel C. Brown, Summer Albee, ushers — Ellen B. Cunningham, Lucy H. Butler. Assistants.

Chapman School for Boys — William A. Jenks usher — Martha E. Symmes, Sarah S. Chamberlain Marilla M. Caverno, Louisa A. H. Winnek. Assistants.

Chapman School for Girls — Angeline A. Brigham, Georgietta Reid, Lucy A. Wiggin, and Caroline H. Rice, Assistants.

On motion of Mr Eaton the order authorizing the sub-committee of the Dwight School for Boys to employ a Submaster instead of an Usher in said School, was taken from the table, but after a short discussion was again laid on the table: for the choice of teachers of the Dwight School for Boys — William F. Basto, Usher, Clarissa Guild, Eliza M. Josselyn, Maria E. Damrell, Henrietta Draper, Elizabeth F. Wyman. Assistants. Dwight School for Girls, Elizabeth G. Underhill, Eliza A. Harding, Maria Breed. Assistants.

Eliot School. _____ Usher. Anna S. Carter, Hannah M. Damon, Caroline W. Carter

Eliza L. Felt, and Caroline A. Conant, Assistants. Aug. 29. 1851.

Endicott School. Wm. A. Dickinson, Usher, Jane Pearson, Sarah S. French, Caroline King, Elizabeth F. McKay, Maria P. Colesworthy, Malvina R. Brigham Assistants.

Franklin School. Catherine F. Simonds, Sarah A. M. Cushing, Head Assistants; Mary J. Leach, Lucy M. Peck, Frances E. Field, Helen M. Preston Caroline A. Green, A. Frances Hardon, Sarah A. Gale. Assistants.

Hancock School. Percival W. Bartlett. Submaster Henrietta L. Pierce, Sarah E. White, Helen M. Johnson, Mary A. Lewis, Asaph Barnes. Sarah O. H. Eaton, Lucy W. Ripley and Mary F. Kimball. Assistants.

Hawes School. Charles A. Morrill Submaster, Henry E. Hardon, Usher, Ann E. Dearborn, Louisa F. Henderson, Lucy C. Jenks, Assistants.

North Johnson School. Rebecca P. Barry, Helen E. Vans, and Caroline Leighton, Assistants.

South Johnson School - Martha E. Towne, Almira Seymour, Mary J. Danforth Assistants.

Lyman for Boys. James H. Blackinton, Usher Mary C. Bulfinch, Eliza L. Pierce, and E. Jeanette Aborn, Assistants.

Lyman for Girls, Alice Cunningham, Jane M. Hight, Mary P. Moulton, Eliza A. Wiggin, Mary E. Melvin, Assistants.

Mather School. Asa Weeks, usher, Lucy

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Floyd, Margaret A. Pease, Ann J. Drake, Margaret A. Moody, Elizabeth B. Raynolds, Laura E. Bartholomew, Alice Cooper. Assistants.

Mayhew School - Winslow Battles, submaster, Robert Swan, Dean H. Battles, ushers, Elizabeth D. Moulton, Elizabeth L. West, Elizabeth P. Hopkins Mary L. Rowland. Assistants.

Phillips School, Amphion Gates, John M. Colcord ushers, Catherine P. Dow, Ellen M. Coolidge, and C. F. Copeland, Assistants.

Quincy School. Charles C. Valentine, Submaster Benjamin W. Putnam, James O. Brown, ushers. Sylvia A. Leavett, Josephine L. Tucker, Adrie Dalton, Sarah B. Putnam, Sarah G. Hay, Lydia A. Hanson, Olive Kelley, C. A. G. Philbrick, Dora Norton, and Caroline D. Cotton, Assistants.

Wells School. William H. Swan usher, Matilda A. Perry, Mary L. Carter, Sarah J. Lothrop.

Winthrop School. Ann B. Page, Head Assistant Susan A. W. Loring, Caroline A. Rogers, Elizabeth Briggs Abby R. Parish, Martha I. Cotton, Frances M. Hufftmaster, Mary C. Ward, Assistants.

Otis School teachers in.

The following teachers formerly connected with the Otis School were duly appointed and their proper disposition was assigned to the Chairmen of the committees on the Eliot, Endicott Hancock, Wells, Phillips and Bowdoin Schools, with full authority to locate said teachers where-

ever additional instructions shall be required — viz. | Aug. 29. 1851.

Samuel W. Mason, usher, Sarah W. I. Copeland,
Sophia Shepard, Miranda Sherman, and Martha
A. Palmer, Assistants.

The Board then adjourned

Attest: Wm. C. McCleary Jr.

Secretary

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday the seventh day of October A.D. 1851.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Leavitt, Thorndike, Hahn, Church, Lothrop, Willis Coolidge, and Alger—

Books. Indigent Children

The Superintendent of Schools submitted to the Board a statement of facts concern the mode and expense of furnishing Books to Indigent Children - and suggesting a new and better method of complying with the requirements of the Statutes of the Commonwealth pertaining to this matter; by which the expense to the City will be diminished and the books better preserved. Read. and on motion of Mr Bates, referred to the Committee on Books, with authority to inquire into the present system of furnishing Books to Indigent children, and with instructions to carry out the new plan proposed by the Superintendent.

The transfer of a Pupil from the Bigelow School Section to the Mather School was confirmed by the Board.

Exam. Comm^ee of Latin School

In accordance with the requirements of Section 7. Chap V. of the Rules the board proceeded to elect by ballot two members of the

Committee at large to be united to the Sub committee of the Latin School for the purpose of examining candidates for the vacant masterships of the Latin School, and the ballots being taken and counted it appeared that Messrs Eaton and Winslow were duly chosen — October 7. 1851

On motion of Mr Reed, it was ordered, that Sect 5. Chap. V. of the Rules be suspended, and that the Committee on the examination for Master of the Latin School be empowered to fix such time, after the expiration of the third Tuesday in October, for the examination of candidates for said School, as they may deem expedient. Com^ee to fix time for exam.

Ordered: That the Committee on books be and they hereby are authorized to supply to the Franklin School such Maps and Charts as will replace those destroyed by the late fire in the Franklin School House. Franklin Sch. Maps & Charts

Mr Bates offered the following order — Ordered: That the subject of arranging a course of studies specially adapted to the wants of the Boys' Schools, and also one adapted to the Girls' Schools be referred to a special committee to report at a subsequent meeting. Read and adopted, and Messrs Bates, Winslow and Morse were appointed said committee. Studies. new course of

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Studies

The following order, offered by Dr. Adams, as a substitute for the foregoing, was read and referred to the above named committee: viz- Ordered: That the subject of discontinuing Nos. 5 and 6 of the Books required to be studied by the second classes of our Grammar Schools; also books No. 5 and 7, so far as regards the boys in the first classes be referred to the book committee to report at the next quarterly meeting.

Eng. High Sch. Master's letter on Studies &c.

Mr Winslow presented to the Board a communication from the Principal of the English High School transmitting an account of the recent examination of Pupils for admission to that School, & recommending that some change be made in the course of studies in our Grammar Schools. Read and referred to the committee already appointed on this subject.

First Book of History

Mr Felt offered the following order. Ordered: that the First Book of History be introduced into the Second Classes of our Grammar Schools - Read, and the question being taken, the order was rejected - and thereupon on motion of Mr Emerson it was ordered, that the First Book of History be examined by the committee on Books with a view to the question of substituting the same for Smith's Geography.

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The Superintendent presented to the Board a prospectus for the formation of a school for German children in the Southern section of the City, which was referred to the special committee upon revising the course of studies in the Public Schools.

German Sch.

Geyer

Pet. Andrew Geyer and others that the Otis School may re-organized and re-opened was read and referred to Messrs Palmer, Beecher Winslow, Norcross, Emerson, Reed and Church - to consider and report thereon -

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Medals Dies for.

The Committee, to whom was referred an order to inquire and report to the board the cost of suitable Dies for the Franklin and City Medals have attended to that duty and ask leave to submit the following Report - that in making inquiry in relation to the matter referred to them they supposed in general terms that there should be two setts of Dies, one of them having a Medallion head of Franklin the other a View of the City of Boston with such other appropriate designs as the Committee might select. They have conferred with Mr Francis Mitchell of this city, who proposes to furnish two setts of Dies under the direction of the Committee, to be executed in the best style for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for each sett. Mr Mitchell's talents and reputation as one of the first artists in this country, your committee believe will be a sufficient

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guaranty for the acceptable performance of the work
Your committee therefore would respectfully recommend
the passage of the accompanying order. Respectfully
submitted, for the Committee Joseph M. Wightman —
Ordered. That ____ be a committee for the purpose
of procuring two setts of dies for the Franklin and
City Medals, at a sum not exceeding one hundred
dollars for each sett. Read, accepted and the
order passed, and Messrs Wightman, Eaton and
Bates were appointed said committee.

Rept. on Railway Jubilee.

Mr Wightman from the Committee appointed by the Board August 26th. to confer with the City Council in relation to the participation by the public schools in the Railway celebration on the 17. 18. & 19 of September, presented a report upon that subject, which was read and placed on file.

Semi annual Rept. Primary Schools

A copy of the Semi Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Primary School Committee was received from the Secretary and placed on file.

Adjourned for two weeks.

Attest:

Sam'l F. McCleary Jr.

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A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday the twenty first day of October A.D. 1857.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Thorndike, Hahn, Church, Lothrop, Emerson, Reed and Willis.

Dwight Sch. Sub-master [vide p. 157]

Mr Eaton called up the order offered by the Committee of the Dwight School in August last respecting the establishment of the office of Submaster in the said School - which was adopted: and upon the nomination of Mr Eaton Mr William F. Basto was appointed Submaster in said School, his salary to commence with the present School year.

German Schools

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for aid in establishing a branch school for the German population respectfully report - Your Committee consider it a doubtful question and one open to much argument on both sides, whether or no the German population would be more benefitted or injured by separate schools. Practically it is the English language that the Germans must know, and it is important that they should begin as early as possible to learn the national characteristics and the peculiar development in human nature of those with whom they are to be associated in life. So far as the separate schools are German in their character, so far are the

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the children deprived of the advantages which they should possess in a greater degree than their parents by being educated in that country in which they are to live. In many portions of Pennsylvania in the German colonies the employing of English teachers has taken the place of employing German ones, as the latter course / the one proposed by our petitioners / it was found had a tendency to continue the German Element and dispense with the American in education to such a degree as to make the German population incapable of competing upon equal terms with the American. Your committee however do not think it necessary to consider further the abstract merits of a separate school since other reasons have decided them to report against the petition.

1st. It is well known that there are many classes in our Community who desire separate schools for various reasons which they think sufficient. If one petition is granted consistency will require us to grant others until our whole school system is destroyed.

2d. The true ground however of our rejecting this petition is that we have no right and no power to act concerning it. The Revised Statutes describe the kind of Schools for which our citizens shall be taxed, and describe expressly the duties and powers of the Committee. The school petitioned for does not come within any of the classes required and we have no more right to aid it by appropriating the public money for its support than we have to establish a school in Hindostan at the expense of the City of Boston.

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Our schools are designed by our lawgivers to make American citizens - to furnish the best education for this purpose and for no other. Our rich men submit to their taxation not as a matter of mere benevolence, not for the personal advantage of those educated, but for the general benefit thereby to the whole land and as a powerful instrument in support of the political institutions of our government. And while they furnish schools where all may acquire a knowledge of the language of the country, they would hardly be willing in order to satisfy personal feelings to furnish to foreigners what they do not to Americans - opportunity to learn for practical use two modern languages, unless it shall be made plainly to appear that such an opportunity is necessary in Americanizing foreigners and in enabling them to rank on equal terms with other citizens.

Your committee therefore recommend that your petitioners have leave to withdraw. Samuel H. Dale, Loring Norcross. Hubbard Winslow. Read and accepted.

First Book of History.

The Committee on Books to whom was referred an order to consider and report upon the expediency of substituting the "First Book of History" in place of "Smith's Quarto Geography" have considered the subject and report the following order.

Ordered: That the "First Book of History be forthwith introduced into the Grammar Schools as a substitute for "Smith's Quarto Geography" - subject to the

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usual provisions made by the Rules of this Board —
Respectfully submitted in behalf of said committee —
Joseph B. Felt, Chairman. Read, and after a short discussion on motion of Mr Torrey the subject was postponed to the next meeting of the Board.

Salaries

On motion of Mr Eaton it was —
Ordered, that the salaries of the Masters, Submasters Usher and Head Assistants in the Latin, High and Grammar Schools be the same as they were last year.

The following order was read and referred to Messrs Eaton, Wightman and Tracy, viz
Ordered; that the salaries of the Female Assistant Teachers in the Grammar Schools be hereafter as follows. For the first year service $250. For the second $300. For the third and succeeding years $350.
The increased salary to be paid those teachers who have already served two years, and the diminished to those who shall hereafter be appointed.

Music

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Mr Wightman called up the order offered by him in August last and laid upon the table, proposing a change in the present system of teaching Music in the Grammar Schools — and after a short discussion the question being taken on their adoption the same were rejected.

Ordered, that the Committee on Books be requested to furnish the Dwight School with a set of outline Maps for the new room. Octr. 21st. 1851. Dwight Sch. Maps

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of supplying the Franklin School with Maps and Charts to supply the place of those destroyed by fire report that they have attended to that duty through the Superintendent. In behalf of the Book Committee, Joseph B. Fell, Chairman. Read and accepted. Franklin Sch. Maps

The Committee to whom was referred the Superintendent's Report on Books furnished to Indigent children would report that as the said document suggested them, they have instructed the Superintendent to carry it into effect. For the Committee Joseph B. Fell. Chairman. Read and accepted. Books Indigent. pupils

The teachers of Music for the several schools were nominated by their respective sub-committees and were confirmed by the Board as follows. A. N. Johnson for the Adams, & Bowdoin —— Albert Baker for the Bigelow, Hawes and Mather School —— Benjamin F. Baker, for the Boylston, Chapman, Dwight, Johnson, and Quincy Schools —— Edwin F. Bruce for the Brimmer Endicott, Phillips and Wells Schools. —— L. H. Southard for the Eliot, Hancock, & Lyman Schools —— George W. Pratt for the Franklin School —— Elias C. Johnson Music teachers

for the Smith School and Lowell Mason for the Winthrop School. The appointment for the Mayhew School was postponed.

On motion of Mr Alger the Board adjourned to Wednesday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

Sam'l F. McCleary Jr.

Secretary

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Wednesday Octr. 22. 1851, pursuant to adjournment — and, on motion of Mr Guild / no business appearing before them / the Board adjourned.

Attest: Samuel F. McCleary Jr.

Secretary

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 4th. 1857.

Present

The whole Board except Mr Lothrop.

Petition of Samuel Barrett and others, parents and guardians of pupils now or recently connected with the Latin School, requesting the appointment of Francis Gardner, Esq. to the Mastership of said School — and also a letter of W. A. Gould, Esq recommending the choice of the same gentleman, were read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject. Barrett

The quarterly reports on the condition of all the schools except the Johnson were read by their respective Sub-Committees, and were accepted by the Board. Quar. Rep't

Miss Georgianna Watts was nominated as a teacher in the Hawes School. Hawes Sch. teacher

Certain transfers of pupils from the Mayhew, Boylston and Quincy school Districts to the Adams school were approved by the Board. Transfers of pupils

The Committee on Books, who were directed to furnish a set of Outline Maps for the Dwight School, reported that they had attended to that duty through the Superintendent. Read and accepted. Dwight Sch.

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Ordered. That the City Government be requested to remove the Primary School now occupying the Northwestern corner room of the first floor of the Winthrop School House and grant said room for the use of the Winthrop School.

Winthrop School House

The Committees on the subject of the revision of the Grammar Studies in the Grammar Schools — and also on the subject of the Salaries of the Female teachers were authorized to report in print.

Com^ees on Studies and Fem. Salaries to report in print

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Geyer and others that the Otis School be reestablished and restored to its former status that the measure is inexpedient. Read and accepted and ordered to be published in the usual papers.

Otis School

An order offered by the sub-committee of the Mather School that they may be allowed to employ a submaster in the Boys' Grammar School instead of an assistant, was read and laid on the table.

Mather School Submaster

The Committee appointed to examine applicants for the office of Master of the Latin School presented a report at length upon that subject, and recommended Mr Francis Gardner as the most suitable candidate for the vacant office. Upon the acceptance of this report a long discussion ensued pending

Rep^t of Com^tee on Latin School Master

which the Board adjourned until tomorrow at 4. o'clock P.M. Nov. 4. 1851

Attest:-

Sam. F. W. Cleary. Jr. Secry.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, pursuant to appointment on Wednesday Nov. 5th at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present

The whole Board except Mr Lothrop.

A motion to take from the table the order respecting the "First book in History" having been rejected, the discussion of the previous day was resumed upon the question of the acceptance of the report upon the candidates for the office of Master of the Latin School. First Book in History.

After several letters had been read to the Board recommending Mr. Francis Gardner, and Mr. Elias Nason, respectively as suitable candidates to fill the vacant office; on motion of Mr Willis, the report was recommitted to the special committee having charge of this subject — who subsequently reported as follows — That application was made for the office by five individuals, but that three only of the five presented themselves for examination on Recommitment of Report

Report-

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the day appointed — Mr James B. Batchelder, Mr Francis Gardner and Mr Elias Mason.

It appeared on examination that although Mr Batchelder had at different times taught schools in the lower grades of classical learning, still that he had never fitted any of them for any of our colleges; and that although he had at former times pursued classical studies to a considerable extent he had not been recalled and rendered familiar by recent practice.

Most of the committee were already familiar with the qualifications of Mr. Gardner as having been under his instruction and having been at different times members of the Committee of the Latin School. Nevertheless as the requisition of the law is explicit, they proceeded to examine him with reference to the extent of his classical attainments and to his principles of teaching and of government.

It appeared as the result that he had for years devoted himself to the study of the principles of philology with especial reference to the work of teaching, not confining his researches to the course of study pursued in the school but deriving from various sources whatever might qualify him the more fully for his work. Of his familiarity with classical studies and his skill and success as a teacher, it is not necessary that we should speak. The ample and unequivocal testimony of the late Master of the Latin School, added to the united judgment of the members of the various committees of the same school and of his numerous

pupils leave no room for doubt that his qualifications in these respects are not surpassed. Nov. 4, 1851.

The testimonials of Mr Nason were generally in a satisfactory kind - Indeed there is no doubt that he is a gentleman of great industry and honorable attainments. He has fitted students in Harvard College and taught in other the studies of the college course. His principles & instruction and government were also in our judgment sound and judicious.

Nevertheless after examining him upon some passages in Cicero, Xenophon and Demosthenes the Committee were obliged unhesitatingly to conclude that he did not exhibit the highest order of classical and philological talent, even if by resolute industry he had rendered himself a well read scholar in various languages.

On the whole, your committee unanimously concurred in the judgment that Mr Gardner is decidedly to be preferred to either of his competitors:- in behalf of the committee. E. Beecher. Read and accepted and the Board thereupon proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Master of the Latin School.

Master of Latin School chosen.

Messrs Wightman and Randall were appointed a committee to collect, sort and count the votes, who, having attended to that duty reported that the whole number of ballots was twenty four - necessary for a choice thirteen

Fras. Gardner.

Francis Gardner, having thirteen was accordingly elected.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday November 18. 1851.

Attest:

Wm. L. McClaugh

Secy

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 18. 1851.

Present—

The whole Board except the Chairman, Messrs Leavitt, Thorndike, Lothrop, Emerson, Willis, Guild, Wightman and Felt.

Johnson Sch. Quar. Rept

In the absence of the Sub committee of the Johnson School, the quarterly report on the condition of that school was presented by the Superintendent of Schools, and was read and accepted by the Board.

Salaries of Female Assist.s

The Committee, to whom was referred the order relating to the change in the Salaries of the Female Assistant Teachers, presented a report in print upon that subject, (City Doc. No. 59), and recom-

mended the passage of the order submitted to them — which report was read and accepted and the order passed, as follows, —

Ordered: That the Salaries of the Female Assistants in the Grammar Schools shall be, hereafter, as follows: For the first year's service $250: for the second year's service $300; for the third and succeeding years $350. The highest salary to be paid those teachers who have already served two years, and the lowest to those, who shall hereafter be appointed.

Mather Sch. Submaster

On motion of Mr Simonds, the order providing for the appointment of a Submaster at the Mather School, instead of an Usher, was taken from the table, and was adopted by the Board — and thereupon Mr Asa Weeks was nominated and appointed Submaster of said School.

Clark Order to pay

Ordered: That one quarter's salary be paid to Mr S. G. Clark, for his services as temporary usher, for the first year, in the Latin School.

Submasters of Latin School. salary of.

Ordered: That the salary of C. Emery, Submaster of the Latin School, during the time of his service as acting master of the school be in the ratio of the salary of the Master of the School.

Mayhew Sch. Music teacher— Bigelow Sch. teacher—

Mr Samuel Swan was appointed Teacher of Music in the Mayhew School ___ and Miss Elizabeth Crafts was confirmed as Assistant Teacher in the Bigelow School.

Adjourned to Tuesday next November 25th at 4. o'clock P.M.

Attest: John D. McCarthy Secty

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday the 25th day of November A.D. 1851.

Present—

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Hahn, Winslow, Coolidge and Foster.

Secty pro tem

The Secretary being absent, Mr Bishop, the Superintendent of Schools was nominated and appointed Secretary pro tem.

Commee on Alteration &c— to examine modes of Egress from Sch. houses

On motion of Mr Emerson, the Committee on the Erection and Alteration of School-houses were instructed to examine the several school buildings and report what alterations may be necessary, to provide for a safe egress of the scholars in case of alarm..

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The Committee appointed to present to the Board a Revised Course of Studies for the Grammar Schools reported in print upon that subject /Vide City Doc. No. 57./ and recommended the passage of the following orders. Revised Course of Studies

1st. That the study of Ethics be discontinued.

2d. That Physiology be discontinued in the Boys' Schools, and in the second class of the Girls'.

3d. That Grammar be discontinued in the third class.

4th. That History be taught in connection with Geography.

5th. That sub-divisions of the different branches of study be made, that each class have its apportionment, and that the pupils be examined for promotion on their respective portions by the Sub committees of each School.

6th. That the studies for the Boys' Schools be as follows— 4th. class. Reading, Spelling, Writing, Form of the Earth, and its divisions into bodies of land and water; in Geography. The four Elementary rules in Arithmetic, with particular attention to Addition, Subtraction; and Drawing on the Slate. Boys' Schools

3d. Class. Reading, Spelling, Writing, Geography of the United States. History, either oral or written. Oral Arithmetic of Fractions, and the written rules preceding, and drawing.

2d. class. Reading, Spelling, Writing Technical Grammar, with exercises in writing sen-

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tures. Geography. History of the United States. Written Arithmetic of Fractions, Relation of Numbers and Proportion.

1^st. Class. Reading, Spelling, Writing, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Book keeping, Natural Philosophy, Grammar, Composition and Declamation.

Girls' Schools.

2^d. That the Studies of the Girls' Schools be as follows: 1^st. and 2^d. classes. The same as that prescribed for the same classes in the Boys' Schools.

3^d. class. Reading, Spelling, Writing, Technical Grammar with exercises in writing sentences. Geography. History of the United States and Great Britain. Ar Arithmetic: Oral and written Arithmetic of Fractions, Relation of Numbers and Proportion.

2^d. Class. Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar, Arithmetic, Book keeping, Natural Philosophy. Ancient and Modern Geography, General History, Physiology, Drawing and Composition.

Referred to Comm. on Books.

After a lengthy discussion upon the report and order, on motion of Mr Reed — Ordered: that the report on the revised course of studies with the whole subject be committed to the committee on Books, together with the Special committee, in order to report more distinctly the changes which are proposed — and the course of study in each class, with the text books required.

Ordered, That the several mat- Masters to
ters of the Grammar and Writing Schools be report on pro-
furnished with copies of the late printed report posed changes.
which proposes to change the course of studies in
the Schools, and that the Masters be requested to
express their views in writing to the Committee on
Books, as to the practicability and expediency of the
changes proposed.

Ordered. That the Chairman of
the Committee on the revision of Studies be requested
to append the orders as proposed by him in the
Committee to the printed Report which is to be
furnished to the Masters.

Resolved, That the members of the Secrecy re-
Board are absolved from the further observance of secrecy moved respecting
relative to the proceedings of the Board in the late election Latin Sch. master
of Master of the Latin Grammar School.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday, December
16. A.D. 1851. at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest: Nathan Bishop
Secry pro tem

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday December 16th A.D. 1851.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Thorndike and Church.

Wells Sch. Teacher

Ordered, that Miss Abby Ba[illegible] land be confirmed in her appointment as teacher in the Wells School, and that she be paid from the date of the commencement of her services — the first day of September last.

Wells Sch. Ward Room

Ordered, that the Chairman be requested to adopt the necessary measures to procure the use of the Ward Room of Ward 5. for a class of the scholars of the Wells School: and to cause forty eight portable desks of the smallest size to be placed in the said room for the use of the scholars.

Vacant Seats

Dr Adams, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of vacant seats, presented a report upon that subject, which was read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Boylston Sch. Teacher

Ordered: That the appointment of Miss R. M. Rogers as assistant teacher in the Boylston School be confirmed — The appointment to date from September 25th 1851.

Ordered, That four months salary be allowed and paid to Mr Quincy A. Gilmore for services as Usher in the Eliot School from September 1st. 1851. to January 1st. 1852. — Decem. 16. 1851. Gilmore Order to pay

Ordered: That the sum of Forty Eight dollars be paid to Miss Cordelia Lothrop for services under temporary appointment of Ten weeks in the Lyman School for Girls. — Lyman Sch. Teacher

Miss Mary Jane Newmarch was nominated as teacher in the Mather School vice Ann J. Drake, resigned (Dec.r 1.st 1851) — Mather Sch. Teacher

Resolved, That the recommendation in the report of the Annual visiting Committee that in all the rooms where the scholars do not assemble in the morning with the Masters, the Teachers be required to keep Bibles, and that the morning exercises shall commence with the reading of the Scriptures, is approved and adopted by this Board — Devotional Exercises

Ordered, That if any School is not furnished with a sufficient number of Bibles for this object the Master be requested to make known the number required to the Superintendent and that he be authorized to supply the deficiency. — Bibles to be furnished

Mr Reed offered the following

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Latin & Eng. High Sch. Hours.

— Edmd: That the single Session in the Latin and English High Schools be restricted to three months in the year, beginning with the first Monday of November and ending with the first Monday of February: and that the hours for beginning and ending the sessions during the remainder of the time from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in April be from nine o'clock A.M. to one o'clock, and from three o'clock P.M to five o'clock. Read and referred to the Joint Subcommittee of the Latin and English High Schools.

Barnard

Memorial of George M. Barnard and others parents of children attending the Latin and English High Schools requesting that the school hours for the winter months be so modified as to require two sessions each day, instead of one as at present — and remonstrances of Dr. John Jeffries and others — of S. H. Jenks and others, also parents of children attending said schools, against said proposed change were read and referred to the Joint Subcommittee of said schools.

Jeffries

Jenks

Revised Studies.

The Report of the Committee on Revised Studies, and also a Minority Report on the same subject (being City Documents 67 and 68) were then taken up — and pending a discussion thereon

On motion of Mr. McCleary, Jr.

Adjourned for two weeks. Att. Samuel McCleary Jr.
Sec'y

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday the thirtieth day of December A.D. 1857.

Present—

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Thorndike, Church, Lothrop, Mills & Guild.

The subject of a Revised Course of Studies, which was under consideration at the adjournment of the last meeting of the Board was taken up, and after a short discussion, was referred on motion of Dr. Beecher, to the next Board of School Committee. Studies

Dr. Beecher from the joint Sub-committee of the Latin and Eng. High Schools who were directed to consider the expediency of a change of the School hours reported the following order. Latin Sch. Hours. Barnard Jeffries Jenks

Ordered: That the single session in the Latin School be restricted to three months in the year, beginning with the first Monday of November and ending with the first Monday of February; and that the hours for beginning and ending the sessions during the remainder of the time from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in April be from 9 o'clock A.M. to 1 o'clock and from 3 o'clock P.M. to 5 o'clock.

Also that it is

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expedient — that no change be made at present in the hours for instruction in the English High School Read. accepted and the order passed.

Primary Sch. committee

Dr Adams offered the following. Ordered, that Section 5 of Chapter 1. of the Rules be so altered as to read "At the first meeting of this Board, annually, a committee shall be appointed to select a suitable number of names of gentlemen for the Primary School Committee to be voted for at an adjourned meeting to be held in month from the stated meeting". Read and laid on the table.

Quincy Sch. Teacher

Miss Lucy D. Osborn was confirmed as teacher in the Quincy School.

Supt's Semi-Annual Rept.

The Superintendent of Schools read to the Board his first Semi Annual Report as required by the Rules — which accepted, and one thousand copies ordered to be printed.

Secretary. order to pay

Ordered: That there be paid to the Secretary of the Board the sum of Three hundred dollars for his services during the present year.

Thanks to Mayor

Mr Frothingham, of Ward 9. offered the following Resolve, which was unanimously adopted.

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Resolved: That the thanks of the School Committee be and they are hereby presented to the Hon. John P. Bigelow for the impartiality, efficiency, and acceptable manner with which he has discharged the various duties of presiding Officer of this Board, during the current year.

To which His Honor, the Mayor, made a suitable reply.

The Board then adjourned sine die.

Attest:

Jam. F. McCleary Jr.

Secretary

Medals awarded to Boys.

1851.

— Latin —

Edwin Hale Abbot
James Read
Phillips Brooks
Henry Walker
Wm Brown Williams
Wm W. Richards

— Adams —

George G. Wheelock
John W. Ryan
Amos S. Wyman
Waldo Merriam
George Brooks
Henry W. Parsons

— Brimmer —

Calvin Alphonso Damon
Frederic Henry Doane
William Curtis Ulman
Charles Francis Tremlett
Wm Field Cummings

— Eliot —

Francis A. Field
Frederick H. Chessman
Henry A. Miles
Henry B. Nottage
William K. Spinney
Lysander E. Hanson

— Eng. High —

Lowell Lincoln
James P. Brewer
Charles S. Burdett
Henry W. Wilson
Charles A. Horton
Charles J. Fox
Nathaniel E. Gage.

— Boylston —

Nathaniel P. Jones
Albert F. Shelton
David Crosby
Henry W. Foley

— Chapman —

Edward Payson Butler
William Henry Banks
Nahum Ott Mitchell
Charles D. Dickenson

— Endicott —

Charles Hobart
Oliver H. Cheney
Richard L. Massey

— Hatter —

Hamilton Murray
Joseph C. Storey
William B. Merrick
George H. Pitcomb

— Dwight —

Christopher H. White
Edward Savage
George H. Sargent
Herman Tucker
William J. Seaver

— Lyman —

John D. Morrill
Caleb Prentiss 3d
Alexander Porter

— Mayhew —

William R. Lothrop
Robert T. Shedd
William C. Lane
George A. Craft
Charles A. Rand
Oliver I. Brewer

— Otis —

Joseph A. Blaisdell
Nicholas M. Williams
Albert A. Dole

— Hawes —

Joseph C. Baker
Edward B. Haskell
Joseph Buckley
Michael F. Power
Irving O. Whiting

— Quincy —

James Schouler
Wm F. Harding
Wm B. A. Messenger
Robert Bamball
Richard F. Biggs
Joseph C. Bowker
Herman D. Deane
Edward A. Long
Stephen S. C. Russell
Leonard F. Elder
John W. R. Parker
David H. Pulsifer

— Phillips —

Dwight Prouty
Charles H. Hitchcock
Wm W. Blanchard
James C. Steele
Jacob H. Leonard
Samuel W. Hitchcock
Thomas Cordis

Names awarded in
1857.

— Bigelow —

Mary E. Cary
Julia M. True
Emma L. Fletcher
Mary Jane Elms
Anna Ryan
Mary E. Healey
Alice W. Vincent

— Chapman —

Sarah L. D'Arcy
Sarah A. Pratt
Helen A. Rumley
Clarissa M. Crosby

— Dwight —

Sarah A. Melvin
Charlotte Farrington
Caroline L. Keller
Margaret R. E. Andrews

— Franklin —

Helen F. Avery
Margaret R. Barrett
Sarah L. Babbitt
Elizabeth R. Brown
Elizabeth A. C. Day
Susan A. M. Hunter
Eliza G. Swett
Ellen R. Swiften
Laura A. Thomas

— Bowdoin —

Harriet E. Caryl
Phebe M. Stowe
Annie B. Stevenson
Frances M. Bodge
Lucy M. Chamberlin
Mary S. True
Eliza L. Eaton
Josephine M. Allen

— Boylston —

Sarah E. Moore
Elizabeth H. Bailey
Juliet F. Bingham

— Endicott —

Mary Ann Foster
Sarah Jane McCallum
Harriet Pond Leonard
Mary E. Feeney
Clarissa A. Hollis

— Hancock —

Margaret A. Riches
Sarah F. Whitmore
Emma A. Robinson
Susan M. Fisher
Elizabeth F. Dickason
Mary L. Frost
Emily F. Leavitt
Annie A. Olver

m Johnson m
Mary E. Hobart
Sarah E. Hobart
Ellen R. Webster
Fannie P. Hanson
Matilda B. White
Rebecca R. Bowdoin
Ellen L. Fabi
Lydia N. Bates
m Smith m
Eliza Riley
m Lee m
Tidelia Wood
Mary A. E. G. Jacobs
Charlotte A. Taylor
m Reed m
Ellen Pine
Josephine Eastman
Mary B. Plummer
Harriet L. Libbey
Lucy Jane Pray
Mary E. Lyford
Emma F. Deming

m Lyman m
Estelle Dilton
Julia A. Harlow
Ann M. Seaver
Amanda H. Porter
m Mather m
Mary A. Allen
Sophia Farbell
Lucinda Brown
Ellen Cooper
m Winthrop m
Mary M. Bacon
Emma F. Bigod
Ellen M. Dillon
Jane E. Cheney
Harriet G. Gillett
Elizabeth P. Mills
Elizabeth A. Millard
L. Ellen Sprague

Jan. 13. 1852.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday the ~~thirteenth~~ day of January A.D. 1852

Committee 1852

The following gentlemen constitute the Board of School Committee for the present year.

Hon. Benjamin Seaver, Mayor, Chairman.
Henry J. Gardner, President of Com. Council.

Ward No. 1. Edward Beecher. Benson Leavitt
2. Wm H. Thorndike. Silas B. Halin
3. Daniel P. Simpson. Isaac H. Hazelton
4. Samuel K. Lothrop. Hubbard Winslow
5. Frederick Emerson. Loring Norcross
6. Frederick A. Tracy. J. Thomas Stevenson
7. Jabdiel B. Adams. LeBaron Russell
8. Samuel N. Bates. Edward H. Clarke
9. E. Haskett Derby. Walter C. Keep
10. Joseph B. Felt. George M. Randall
11. William H. Foster. George Eaton
12. Alvan Simonds. Francis Alger

All the above named gentlemen were present except Messrs Thorndike and Derby.

The Board was called to order by the Mayor, who is Chairman ex officio.

Rules of last year adopted

On motion of Mr Norcross it was Voted: that the Rules and Orders of the last Board be adopted for the government of this Board until

otherwise ordered. Jan. 13. 1852

On motion of Mr Norcross, Messrs Norcross, Eaton and Simonds were appointed a committee to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of this Board. Comm^e on Rules & Orders

On motion of Mr Tracy, the election of a Secretary for the Board was postponed for the present, the Secretary of the former Board, who declined a re-election, acting as Secretary pro-tem. Secretary

The following Sub-committees were announced by the Chair, and were subsequently confirmed by the Board. viz. Sub committees

In the Latin School - Messrs. Beecher. Stevenson, Eaton Derby and Russell.

In the English High. Messrs. Lothrop, Winslow, Randall, Tracy and Bates.

Adams. Messrs	Russell	Bigelow Messrs	Simonds
	Eaton		Adams
	Derby		Clarke
Bowdoin. Messrs	Tracy	Boylston Messrs	Adams
	Pinkerton		Felt
	Stevenson		Hazelton
Brimmer Messrs	Fish	Chapman Messrs	Hornblake
	Tracy		Simpson
	Bigelow		Train

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Dwight Messrs	Tyler	Eliot, Messrs	Leavitt
	Tandall		Beecher
	Eaton		Hosken
Endicott Messrs	Winslow	Franklin Messrs	Eaton
	Thorndike		Felt
	Foster		Foster
Lincoln Messrs	Mann	Edward Messrs	Algen
	Emerson		Simonds
	Winslow		Page
Lincoln Messrs	Dixie	Lyman Messrs	Hosken
	Peck		Thorndike
	Russell		Leavitt
Mather Messrs	Clarke	Mayhew Messrs	Winslow
	Algen		Leavitt
	Simonds		Hazelton
Minot Messrs	Stevenson	Quincy Messrs	Randall
	Page		Lovell
	Hazelton		Bates
Mott Messrs	Felt	Ware Messrs	Emerson
	Adams		Brown
	Emerson		Hazelton

Endicott, Messrs. Bates, Felt, and Clarke

Burke Messrs. Felt, Beecher, Winslow, Adams & Eaton.

Conference with Primary Sch. Com.e Messrs Tracy, Bates & Algen.

Erection &c of School Houses. Messrs Emerson, Stevenson & Hazelton

Examination. Messrs Leavitt, Foster & Derby.

On motion of Dr. Adams it was Jan. 13. 1852

Ordered: That the subject of choosing the Primary School Committee be postponed until the next Primary Sch. Comm^es
meeting of the Board: and that when the Board adjourns it be to meet in one week from this day.

On motion of Dr. Adams Messrs Adams, Tracy, Simonds, Alger and Leavitt were appointed a committee to select the names of a suitable number of persons to take charge of the Primary Schools for the present year, and to report at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr Eaton - Ordered Normal
that so much of the Superintendent's Semi-annual School
report, as relates to the establishment of a Normal
School as a part of our system of Public Instruction be referred to a special committee of five.
Passed: and Messrs. Eaton, Tracy, Simonds, Simpson and Hahn were appointed said committee.

Ordered: That the Subcommittee Eng. High
of the English High School consider the expediency School
of making such changes as shall enlarge the course of studies in said School, and extend the term, for which pupils are now permitted to attend it, from three to four years, and, if they shall deem it expedient to make such changes, to report a detailed plan of the same.

Secretary chosen

On motion of Mr Norcross the Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Secretary; — Messrs Norcross, Simonds and Winslow were appointed a committee to collect and count the vote, who having attended to that duty reported that the whole number of votes was 23. Necessary for a choice 13. Edward Capen had 19. and was accordingly elected.

No other business appearing before them, the Board adjourned to Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest.

Sam. F. McCleary Jr.

Secretary of former Board.

Jan.y 20th 1852

At a Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, Jan.y 20th 1852, at 4 o'clock P.M. The Chairman and the whole Board were present, except Messrs Thorndike and Norcross.

Com.tee on Erection &c of School Houses. Report on Stairways & means of Egress.

The Committee on the Erection, Alteration & Ventilation of School Houses, having had under consideration the question, whether the means of egress from the several school-houses are such as would allow the safe escape of the scholars, in case of alarm, respectfully report.

That there is at present great inequality in the capacity of the entries and stairways of the different school-buildings. To render the egress reasonably safe in cases of alarm and haste, a few of the buildings would only require slight alterations, — such as merely hanging the doors to swing outward — while others would require more liberal passage ways, greater strength of railing about the stairs, & bars across the stair-well.

Your Committee do not think it necessary to present, to this Board, a special description of the alterations proper to be made in the several buildings, in as much as the execution of the work comes under the direction of the City Council. They consider it, however, the duty of this Board to urge upon the Council

an immediate attention to the matter; and, if any doubt is entertained of the necessity of immediate action in the premises, they would suggest an inspection of the Winthrop school-house in East street, where may be seen a state of things no less dangerous than that which occasioned the late melancholy catastrophe in New York.

For the Committee

Signed, Frederick Emerson,

Chairman.

Referred to Common Council.

Resolved — That the foregoing report be transmitted to the City Council, with the request of this Board, that the subject therein treated may receive the early attention of that Body.

Read and accepted and the resolve passed

The President of the Common Council introduced the following Order.

"City of Boston

In Common Council, Jan'y 15th 1852.

Mayor's communication on Organization of Primary Sch. Board

Ordered: That the Special Communication of His Honor, the Mayor, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Instruction, with authority to confer with any sub-committee from the Grammar School Committee which may be appointed with reference to the organization of the Primary School Board and that five hundred copies of the communication be printed for

the use of the City Government. Sent up for concurrence. Signed. Henry J. Gardner. Pres.

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Jan'y 19th. 1852

Read and concurred

Signed. Benjamin Seaver. Mayor.

A true copy. Attest

Signed Sam.l F. McCleary jr. C.d Clerk.

See City Documents No. 4.

Read and referred to a Special Committee of Conference, consisting of Messrs. Stevenson, Emerson, Leavitt, Derby, Simonds, Simpson & Randall. Comm.tee of Conference.

Dr. Adams from the Committee to whom was assigned the duty of selecting a the names of a suitable number of persons to take charge of the Primary Schools for the present year, presented a report, which was accepted and, a motion to refer the whole subject to the Special Committee of conference having been lost, the following gentlemen were duly appointed: viz.- Primary School Committee.

Levi Tucker, William Dyke, Nathan.l O. Hart,
Joshua Young, William B. Lovejoy, John J. Meston,
E. W. Goddard, S. P. Oliver, T. Resticaux,
Henry G. Clark. John P. Orr. James Perkins.
Freeborn F. Raymond, Chas. J. F. Sherman, Chas. E. Wiggin
Elijah Stearns, Edward B. Moore, Dexter W. Wiswell,
Henry L. Fowle, George Kingman, Sinah Favor,
William H. Learned Jr., John Warren, Geo. W. Parmenter,
E. H. Snelling, George Hubbard, Joseph F. White,

Charles A. Turner,	E. D. G. Palmer,	Sebastian Stacker,
Loammi Crosby,	Moses C. Greene,	Abraham G. Wyman
Pearl Martin,	Eben H. Little,	Charles H. Atwood,
J. V. C. Smith,	James Fowle,	Harvey Jewell,
Sam'l. Kneeland. jr.	Thomas Gaffield,	Francis Brown
Hiram Wellington,	Thomas B. Hawkes,	Charles F. Eaton,
S. H. Winkley,	Wm. C. Townsend,	W. W. Morland,
John Bigelow,	William H. Guild,	James B. Dow,
David Kimball,	Aurelius D. Parker,	Benj. F. Stevens,
Sam'l. G. Bowdlear,	Alfred T. Turner,	Fred'c. W. Sawyer,
Ira P. Rankin	Sam'l. L. Abbott,	Wm. Appleton, jr.,
[illegible],	Lorenzo S. Cragin,	John Evans,
Ormand Dutton,	Benj. P. Richardson,	Alfred E. Giles,
W. L. G. Hunt,	S. Ingersol Lovett,	Charles Lemond.
Thomas. F. Chase,	Frederick D. Allen,	Sawyer S. Stone,
Levi [illegible],	R. L. Merriam,	Leister M. Clark,
E. S. Chesbrough	[illegible] Gibson	Wm. H. Dimond,
Keith F. Bumstead	Sam'l. K. Whipple,	T. R. Marvin,
Frederick Sweetser,	Azor Maynard,	Dan'l. T. Cort,
Thomas Wilson	Peter Kimball,	S. J. M. Homer,
N. Metcalf	David Thayer,	Edwin Copeland.
[illegible] Ellis	Dan'l. B. Newhall,	Albert L. Linton.
Thomas A. Goddard,	J. M. Phipps	Edward Reed
George M. Randall,	John Odin jr.	William Brown
Joseph M. Wightman	John T. Dingley,	Otis A. Skinner,
A. S. Watson	Alfred Mudge,	Thacher Beal
Horace Dupee,	Samuel Tolman,	William Dall,
[illegible] Carter,	William E. Blanchard,	Evan Simonds.
Benj. H. Greene	Henry W. Lincoln,	William Eaton.

Edward H. Brainard,	Albert J. Wright.	Solon Jenkins
Chas. J. F. Allen,	Joseph Smith.	Charles Mead,
Thomas Hammond	John D. Richardson	Caleb. Gill,
T. Haven Deering	Charles Robbins.	Henry Homer
Jno. W. Alvord,	Judah Baker.	Daniel Hall,
Enoch Stevens,	William S. Shachi	Liberty Hard,
Joshua Jenney,	J. K. Cheney,	John Putnam.
Eli Kimball,	Alexander H. Rice,	William Willett
Joseph H. Allen,	Charles E. Cook,	Albert T. Minot,
Aaron H. Bean	Theodore P. Hale,	G. W. Frothingham,
Noah Hobbs,	Henry R. Andrews.	David Hamblen,
Andrew J. Lord.	A. Parker Melzar,	S. B. Crueft,
N. C. Stevens	Luther Parks, Jr.	J. A. Cummings,
Joseph F. Ainsworth,	Asaph B. Child.	N. T. Edson,
Lyman Mason,	Asa B. Snow	Henry A. Scudder,
A. E. Cutler	E. W. Blake	George C. Rand,
George Sturtevant.	William H. Eldrow,	Morrill Cole,
Diego Atkins	William A Lilane,	Henry Prescott
Joseph Robbins	M. J. Gove,	Wm. H. Thorndike
John Atkins	David Morgan	Jackson Richardson
Albert Bowker	Jas. B. Allen,	Nathan'l G. Allen
Thomas D. Demond.	Jas. N. Sykes.	E. V. Glover, Jr.

A communication from Mr. William O. Ayres, Grammar Master of the Eliot School, in relation to the appointment of Mr. Quincy A. Gilmore as Usher of said School, was read and referred to Messrs. Thorndike Simpson, Clarke, Emerson and Keep. — Ayres's Letter concerning Usher. referred.

Primary Sch: Board Authority to Organize.

Resolved, That the Gentlemen appointed as the Board of Primary School Committee be, and they are hereby authorized to organize their body and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient, and to remove such members thereof as, in their opinion, do not attend to their duties, and to fill all vacancies which may occur in the same; and this Board will respectfully receive from them such communications as they may please to make on the subject of those Schools.

The Board then adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, Febr 3d at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest.

Edward Capen

Secretary.

Febr 3d 1852. At a Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall, on Tuesday, Febr 3d at 4 o'clock P.M., the Chairman and the whole Board were present except the President of the Common Council and Messrs Hazelton & Simonds.

Annual Examination Committee.

The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen a Committee to make the annual examination of the Grammar and Writing Schools, during the present year, viz.

Messrs Eaton, Bates, Tracy, Randall, Hahn, Keep, Russell, Clarke & Simpson. — Feby 3d 1852.

The Quarterly Reports of the Examination and Condition of the Schools were presented by their respective Sub. Committees and were accepted by the Board. — Quarterly Reports.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, Resolved, That the Sub. Committee of the Bowdoin School have permission to change the text book of music now used in that School, subject to the requirements & Regulations of this Board. Laid on Table & subsequently taken up & passed. — Music Text Book Bowdoin Sch.

On Motion of Dr. Clarke, ordered: That so much of the Quarterly Report of the Sub. Committee of the Mather School as concerns the alteration and enlargement of that School House be referred to the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses — Mather Sch: Elargement & Alteration.

On motion of Mr Winslow, Ordered, That Miss Lucy F. Kimball, who has served to acceptance for three months in the Mayhew School, be confirmed as assistant teacher in said School. — Miss Kimball confirmed in Mayhew School.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, Ordered, That Miss Pamelia W. Cate who has served the usual term of probation in the Dwight School to the acceptance of the Sub Committee, be confirmed as assistant teacher in said School. — Pamelia W. Cate confirmed Dwight Sch.

On motion of Mr. Norcross, Ordered That the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars be paid to Saml W. Mason, Usher in the — Mason: order to pay. referred

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Extra Pay for his services as Monitor during twelve weeks sickness of Mr. Jenks. Referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction

Curtis: Order to pay. referred.

On Motion of Mr Norcross. Ordered. That the Sum of five dollars a week for twelve weeks be paid to Miss Sarah E. Curtis, for her services in Mr. Masons department in the Endicott School, while he was engaged as Master. Referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Seats: Number of to be given in Sly. Reports.

On Motion of Mr. Derby. Ordered. That the Chairman of each Sub Committee be requested to state in the rept. Quarterly Report, in addition to the number of scholars, the number of seats in each school house, and the number and capacity of rooms in each school house not furnished with seats, so as to give the full capacity of each house; and that the Secretary give this order in writing to the several Chairmen of said Committees.

Books of Reference: Superintendents Report on referred.

On Motion of Mr Randall. Ordered. that so much of the Superintendents Report as relates to furnishing Books of Reference for the use of the Grammar Schools be referred to the Committee on Books

Schools: reorganization of referred to Special Committee

On Motion of Mr. Tracy. Ordered. That so much of the Superintendents Report as relates to the re-organization, classification and consolidation of the Schools be referred to a Spe.

cial Committee. and Messrs Tracy, Stevenson and Eaton were appointed on this Committee. Febr. 3d. 1852

The Sub Committee of the Winthrop School presented the following Special Report: "Upon the 5th. of August last the Sub Committee of the Winthrop School submitted a special report to the School Committee of 1851, proposing certain changes in the Winthrop School-house, rendered necessary by the changes in the Organization of that School. Winthrop School Houses Changes in, Committee's Report.

The Report was referred to the "Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses" and was by them submitted to the City Government, and portions of the report were acted upon by the Committee on Public Buildings. The difficulty of finding places for the Primary schools, which were then occupying the lower rooms of the Winthrop School House, prevented action upon the remainder. The Sub-Committee have reason to believe that that difficulty can now be removed, that the highest interests of the School require the proposed changes and they desire that their report, which is now upon file, may be again considered by the Building Committee. They, therefore, propose the order with which this report concludes

For the Committee

S. W. Bates, Chairman.

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Winthrop School. Rep. Committee. Referred to C. on Govt.

Ordered That the Special report of the Sub-Committee of the Winthrop School be referred to the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses, with instructions to lay the same before the City Government and request further action of the Government upon the report of the Sub Committee on the Winthrop School submitted to them in August last.

Expenses of Schools

On motion of Mr. Emerson, Ordered That the Sub-Committees of the several schools whose quarterly reports do not supersede the necessity of the measure be requested to lodge with the Secretary, on or before the 15th inst. an estimate of the probable expenses of their respective schools for the current year, exclusive of the cost of fuel, — also, exclusive of any contemplated enlargement or improvement of the premises.

Pratt, Geo. W. Nominated Teacher in Music.

Mr. George W. Pratt was nominated as teacher of Music in the Winthrop School by the Sub. Committee of that School, his appointment to date from Febr. 1st. 1852.

Ayres's letter. Comm^tee Rep. Laid on Table.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Grammar Master of the Eliot School presented a Report, which was read and laid on the Table, as also was a motion to recommit the report to the same Committee with instructions

to report an order recommending some suitable person as Usher in the Eliot School.

A letter was read from Mr. Simonds to the Mayor regretting his inability, through ill health, to attend the meetings of the Special Committee of Conference, and requesting the appointment of another gentleman in his place. was read, and Mr. Norcross was appointed. Mr. Simonds of Special Com. resigns

Mr. Norcross, from the Committee appointed to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of this Board, reported the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of last year, with the following amendments, viz: In section 1 Chapter I, after "members" in the last line, add "and a committee on accounts consisting of three Members" Rules & Orders Comm'tee Report

2nd Add a new section as follows: Section 2nd. It shall be the duty of the Committee on accounts to authorize the purchase of all articles for the use of the Schools not otherwise provided for, and without their authority and approval, no expenditure as above shall be considered valid.

3d. To Section 5th after January in the first line add "Or February"; and to strike out the words "during the year" on page 5th. and continue the section as follows: [See next page]

The above amendments were adopted by the

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Board, and, on motion of Mr. Lothrop it was ordered that the Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations be recommitted to the same Committee, with instructions to report distinctly in print all the changes they propose.

Books.

Mr Bates's motion to consider papers on.

On motion of Mr. Bates, Ordered, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet one week from this day at 4 o'clock P.M. to consider the papers referred to this Board by the School Committee of last year and such other subjects as may come before the Board.

Semi-Annual Returns

The Secretary stated that, as the semi-annual returns were not fully due till the end of the week, he was unable to present the Abstract required by the third section of Chapter 4 of the Rules of the School Committee.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday Feb.y 10th. at 4 o'clock. P.M.

Attest.

Edward Capen

Secretary.

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and they shall report to this Board at its Quarterly meeting in May, as follows:—

1st The plan of their organization, including the names of the officers and Committees.

2nd The numbers of Schools under their charge, and their divisions, if any, together

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with the number of teachers.

3d The number of scholars, male and female, and the studies they require, together with the Rules and Regulations which govern their Board.

And this Board will respectfully receive such other communications from time to time as they may please to make on the subject of those schools.

Attest.

Edward Capen,
Secretary.

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At an adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall, on Tuesday, Feb.y 10th at 4 o'clock P.M., the Chairman and the whole Board were present, except the President of the Common Council, and Messr.s Hazelton and Randall.

Mather Sch.l Alterations. Comm.ee on report.

Mr. Emerson, from the Committee on the Erection Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses presented the following Report....

The Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses having had under consideration so much of the late Quarterly Report of the Committee on the Mather School,

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as relates to alterations in the Mather School house, report.

That there appears good reason why the accommodations for the school should be enlarged, but, that the plan of school organization to be adopted and maintained by this Board ought to be adopted and maintained before this, or any other of the school houses shall receive expensive and permanent alterations, therein the plan of school rooms now adopted may not be suitable for the plan of school organization to be adopted hereafter.

There are now no less than five different plans of organization existing in our Grammar Schools; and it is impossible so to plan a suit of rooms that they shall at once be fitted for either of the various plans of organization.

Your Committee have seen in the hands of the Superintendent, a rough sketch of a plan for the alteration of the Mather School house that would accommodate either of three of the present five plans of school organization. In order that this plan of alteration shall be seen and understood by the Board, your Committee recommend that the Superintendent be authorized to procure a perfect drawing of the same and present it for inspection.

Respectfully Submitted for the Committee Feb.y 10.th 1852.
by
F. Emerson.
Chairman.

Mather School plan to alter.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be authorized to procure and present to the Board a plan for the alteration of the Mather School.

Read and accepted and the order passed.

Mr. Emerson, from the same committee presented the following Report.

Committee on Erection &c of Sch.s Houses rep. on Winthrop School.

The Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses, report

That they have had under consideration an order of the Board, which, as received by your Committee, is in the following words. "In School Committee. Feb.y 3. 1852 Ordered that the Special report of the Sub-Committee of the Winthrop School be referred to the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses, with instructions to lay the same before the City Government and request further action of the Government upon the report of the Sub. Committee on the Winthrop School submitted to them in Aug.t last."

If your Committee understand the meaning of this order, it commissions them with no other duty than that of a messenger

to take from the files of last year a certain report and carry it to the City Council and request further action upon it. Although such a procedure would not be according to legislative usage— the City Council of last year having disposed of the report which this order proposes to revive, and the School Board of this year not knowing what that report contained — Still your Committee, not being responsible for the measure, would have silently performed the service assigned them, if they had not believed that the Board would have refrained from passing the order, if it had known all the circumstances of the case.

The fact that the Council of last year refused to adopt some of the measures proposed in the said report, renders it proper in the opinion of your committee, that the Board of this year should, at least, look at those measures before proposing them a second time to the Council and urging their adoption. Furthermore, the safety of ingress and egress is an element which enters largely into school house plans this year, not was little thought of last year, and the plan proposed last year may require amendment on this account.

With these considerations, your Committee have thought it not improper to delay the execution of the order, which has given

rise to this report, and to request further action of the Board in the case.

For the Committee

J. Emerson,

Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Semi annual Ret.

The Secretary presented an abstract of the semi annual returns, which was placed upon file.

"Ordinances" presented to Committee

The Chairman presented a letter from the Joint Standing Committee on Ordinances, communicating a vote of that Committee "to furnish each member of the School Committee with a copy of the Revised City Ordinances."

Petition Relative

A petition from William and Charlotte Stith colored persons, praying that their children may be permitted to attend the Chapman School was referred, on motion of Mr. Tracy, to the Sub. Committee of the Chapman School with the request that they would consider the same and report to this Board.

The report of the Committee on Rules and Orders was read and laid on the Table, and afterwards referred to a Special Committee.

Rules & Regulations. Mr. Lothrop's Motion

On motion of Mr. Lothrop it was voted that the following documents, viz. City Doc. No. 57, — being a Report on a Revised Course of Studies for the Grammar Schools — City Doc.

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No 67, being a "Report on a Revised Course of Studies for the Grammar Schools with the Text Books recommended.— City Doc. No. 68,— being a "Minority Report on a Revised Course of Studies for the Grammar Schools: also, a printed paper dated Nov. 25th. 1851.; also, the Communication from the Master of the High School with the accompanying papers,— the subject to which they relate having been referred to this Board by the Sch. Committee of last year — be taken from the files and submitted, together with a printed paper entitled a "Report on Books"; also with so much of the Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations of the Public Schools presented at the last meeting of this Board as relates to the School Regulations and alterations in the Course of Studies; also, with the whole subject to which the foregoing documents refer, to a new Special Committee of five members to report thereon at as early a day as is practicable.

Rules & Reg: Special Com:

Passed and Messrs Lothrop, Emerson, Stevenson, Beecher & Derby were appointed on that Committee.

Superintendents Report. 2000 Copies

Ordered. That another issue of two thousand copies of the 1st Semi-annual Report of the Superintendent of the Public Schools be published.

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Normal Sch: Com: report in print.

Eliot School Usher.

Ordered. That the several committees to whom was referred so much of the Superintendents Report as relates to the Normal School, and to the re-organization &c. of the Public Schools be permitted to report in print.

A resolution introduced by Dr. Adams requiring Quincy A. Gilmore immediately to discontinue his connection with the Eliot School, and requesting the Sub Committee to nominate an usher to fill the place thereby vacated, was, on motion of Mr. Norcross, amended, by the substitution of an order that Quincy A. Gilmore be appointed, agreeably to the wish of Master Agnes, as set forth in his petition to this Board; but the Board refused to suspend the Rules, for the passage of this order.

On motion of Mr. Norcross, ordered that the Sub. Committee of the Eliot School be requested to nominate a candidate, as Usher of said school forthwith. The vote by which this resolution passed was, on motion of Mr. Lothrop, reconsidered, for the purpose of substituting the words "this evening" for forthwith. Thus amended the order again passed and the Secretary was instructed to notify the Sub committee of its passage.

A motion of Dr. Clarke to suspend the rules for the purpose of going into an election of Usher did not prevail.

At this stage of the Proceedings, Mr. Williams

Feb.y 10th 1852. H. Seavey was nominated by the majority of the Sub Committee as usher in the Eliot School & Mr. Quincy A. Gilmore by the Minority.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the nomination of the Majority was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, ordered That the Sub Committee of the Eliot School be requested to withhold all action upon the nomination of an usher until after the same shall have been acted upon by this Board at its next meeting.

This motion prevailed the word "requested" having been substituted for instructed, on motion of Mr. Emerson, by a vote of this Board.

Mr. Norcross moved to suspend the Rule, Sec. 2. Chap. V. relating to the appointment of an usher, and that the motion to suspend lie upon the table for one week, and this motion prevailed.

A report presented by Mr. Derby, Chairman of the Sub. Committee of the Johnson School, was on his motion, referred without reading, to the Committee on the reorganization &c of the Public Schools.

At 9 o'clock the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 17th inst at 4 P.M.

Attest

Edward Capen, Secretary.

Feb.y 17th 1852

At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, Feb.y 17th 1852, at 4 o'clock P.M. The Chairman and the whole Board were present, except the President of the Common Council and Messrs. Learill, Thorndike, Hazelton, Winslow and Simonds.

Report o Winthrop School referred to the City C

On motion of Mr. Bates, ordered that the Special report of the Sub committee of the Winthrop School submitted to this Board on the 3d of Feb.y be laid before the City Government with a request for farther action of the Government upon the report of the Sub. Committee on the Winthrop School submitted to them in August last.

B F Baker in Boylston School

Mr. B. F. Baker was nominated by the Sub Committee of the Boylston School as Instructor of Music in that school.

Rules Suspende

Mr. Norcross moved to take from the table his motion to suspend the Rule, sec 2. ch V. relating to the appointment of instructors, and this motion prevailed, as did, also, his motion to suspend the Rule.

Quincy A. Gil more appointed

On motion of Mr. Norcross ordered That Mr. Quincy A. Gilmore be appointed Usher in the Eliot School, agreeably to the wish of Master William C. Jones, as set forth in his petition to this Board.

Mr. Hahn excused.

Mr. Hahn, at his request, was excused from serving on the Sub Committee of the Eliot

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School, and Mr. Emerson, at his request, was excused from serving on the Sub. Committee of the Hancock School.

Messrs. Hahn & Emerson transferred

The Chairman then appointed Mr. Hahn upon the Sub Committee of the Hancock School and Mr. Emerson upon the Sub Committee of the Eliot School

Dr. Keep excused

Dr. Keep, at his request, was excused from serving on the Examining Committee and Dr. Russell was appointed to take his place.

Temporary Instruction. Com. Report

Mr. Foster from the Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom were referred the orders to pay Mr. Samuel W. Mason and Miss Sarah E. Curtis for services during the sickness of Mr. Jenks, submitted the following report,—

The Committee on Temporary Instruction have considered the subject referred to them, and find the following to be the facts of the case, viz,— That Mr. J. W. Jenks, the Master of the West Endicott School, so called, was confined to his room twelve weeks by sickness;— That Mr. Samuel W. Mason, Usher in said School, took charge of Mr. Jenks's class, and performed the duties of the Master in a satisfactory manner;— That Miss Sophia Shepard took charge of the Usher's class and performed the duties of that office in a satisfactory manner; also, and that Miss Sarah E. Curtis was employed to take charge of Miss Shepard's class.

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The orders referred to your Committee provide to pay Miss Curtis for services as assistant and to pay Mr. S. W. Mason for extra services, making no mention, however, of Miss Shepard's extra services. Your Committee are of opinion that Miss Curtis should be paid by the absentee, in accordance with the requirements of the School Regulations. The Committee do not consider themselves at liberty to recommend any allowance "unless a representation of the case, by petition has been made to the Board" which has not been done in this instance. Respectfully Submitted.

William H. Foster

Read & accepted.

Georgianna Watts confirmed in Hawes School.

In Motion of Mr. Alger, Ordered That Miss Georgianna Watts, be confirmed as assistant Teacher in the Hawes School,— She having served through the usual term of probation,— her salary to commence on the first day of November last.

The Board then adjourned

Attest.

Edward Capen

Secretary.

March 2nd 1852.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday March 2nd 1852, the Chairman and the whole Board were present, except the President of the Common Council and Messrs Thorndike, Stevenson, Bigelow, Clarke Simonds and Alger

Comm[tee] on Accounts

The Chairman appointed Messrs Stevenson, Leavitt and Foster a Committee on Accounts; and Mr. Alger upon the Examining Committee in place of Dr. Keep excused.

Mr. Leavitt, at his request, was excused from serving on the Sub-Committee of the Eliot School and Mr. Hazelton was appointed in his place.

Knowles C. H. confirmed in Smith School

On motion of Dr Keep Ordered That Miss Charlotte H. Knowles be confirmed as assistant teacher in the Smith School, she having served the usual time of probation with acceptance, and that her salary be paid from Nov. 15th 1851 to the first of March.

Jenks & Mason Endicott Sch: petition for extra pay.

Petitions were received from Joseph William Jenks, Master, and from Samuel W. Mason, Usher, in the Endicott School; the one asking to have forty five dollars, paid by him to an assistant teacher for services during his illness, refunded; and the other to have one hundred and fifty dollars paid him for extra services during the master's ill-

ness; and they were referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

On motion of Mr. Loring, ordered, That the Special Committee to which were referred various papers on the Regulations of the Public Schools, together with the whole subject to which those papers refate have leave to report in print

Rules & Regulations. Committee to report in Print.

Miss Almira L. Paul was nominated as assistant teacher in the Winthrop School by the Sub-Committee on that School.

Paul, A. L. nominated Winthrop Sch.

Miss Mary Jane Farr was nominated as assistant teacher in the Franklin School by the Sub Committee on that School.

Farr, M. J. nominated Franklin Sch.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, ordered That the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses be requested to examine the Bowdoin School-house, for the purpose of securing a better ventilation in that house.

Bowdoin Sch. Ventilation of

On motion of Mr. Simpson ordered, That Miss Calista H. Clement be confirmed as assistant teacher in the Endicott School, her salary to commence on Dec 1st 1851.

Clement, C. H. confirmed, Endicott Sch

Mr. Emerson from the committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses called the attention of the Committee to the Proposed General Plan submitted by the Superintendent for remodelling the

Plan for remodelling School-houses

Grammar School-houses.

Turner & Lothrop nominated in Lyman Sch:

Mr. Mary J. Turner was nominated as assistant teacher in the Boys department, and Miss Cordelia Lothrop as assistant teacher in the girls department, of the Lyman School by the Sub Committee on that School.

Classification &c of Schools, Com. report

Mr. Tracy from the Committee on the Classification and Consolidation of the Schools presented a report in print, the reading of which, by vote of the Board, was dispensed with. ‖ See City Document No 9.

Amendments

On motion of Mr. Tracy, page eight. line fifteenth was amended to read "If the Brimmer and Mayhew houses are raised one story, &c, there would be an additional expense of twelve thousand dollars. Line thirty was so amended as to read "If a story is added to the Brimmer and Mayhew there is a balance left of twenty six thousand dollars; and the eleventh line of page 11th was amended to read "as soon as the first of September next.

The Resolve and Order appended to the Report were then made the subject for discussion and were afterwards, on motion of Dr. Beecher, laid upon the table.

Registered pupils, seats, &c.

On motion of Mr. Derby Ordered that the Secretary be instructed to obtain, for the information of this Board, at its next session, the number of registered pupils

this day in each of the Grammar Schools, the number Mar. 23. 1852
of candidates for admission to each and the
average attendance in each the present week
together with the number of seats in each
School house

On motion of Mr. Beecher ordered that
when this Board adjourns it adjourn
for three weeks.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday March
23d. at 4 P.M.

Attest

Edward Capen
Secretary.

At an adjourned meeting of the School Com. Mar. 23. 1852
mittee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on
Tuesday, March 23d 1852, at 4 o'clock P.M. the
Chairman and the whole Board were present, ex-
cept Messrs Hilton, Simonds and Hyer.

A petition, signed by Lucy the Fairbanks &c
five others deeply interested in the permanence of on Adams Sch.
the Adams school and praying that the same
may not be discontinued, was presented and laid
upon the table.

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Secretary's Salary.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Lothrop, That, in the opinion of this Board, it is expedient to pay the Secretary of the School Committee a fixed salary, the amount of which shall be determined at the time of fixing the salaries of the Masters and Ushers in the Public Schools.

Ordered, That, until the time above specified, the salary of the Secretary of the School Committee, for the present year, shall be at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

Mr. Hazelton of Boylston Sch. Com- excused.

Mr. Hazelton, at his request, was excused from serving on the Sub-committee on the Boylston School and Dr. Boyle was appointed in his place.

Temporary Instruction Committee Report on Mason & Jenks.

Mr. Fiske, from the committee on Temporary Instruction, presented a report granting leave to withdraw on the petitions of Joseph William Jenks and Samuel W. Mason, and the report was accepted:— as follows:— The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph William Jenks, Master in the Endicott School, to have forty five dollars refunded to him, said sum having been paid by him for the services of an assistant teacher during his illness; and, also, the petition of Samuel W. Mason, Usher in the same School, to be paid one hundred and fifty dollars for extra services during the same period, have given their attention to the subject thus brought before them, and have made themselves acquaint

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ed with all the facts in the case, by an interview with the petitioners. Your Committee respectfully report; that they see no reason to deviate from the course which has been pursued by this Board, for the last two years, in conformity with the regulation of the School Committee, which requires that "whenever any instructor shall be absent from school and a temporary instructor rendered necessary, the amount required for said substitution shall be withdrawn from the salary of the absentee." Your Committee believe this to be a reasonable and at the same time a salutary regulation. They are also of opinion that usage conforming thereto does not differ from the general usage of Corporations and of the business Community in paying salaried officers. The City, on payment of the stipulated salaries of the petitioners in full, will thereby have discharged all its obligations, and, your Committee, while they would not be understood to decide that a peculiar and extreme case of destitution or hardship might not arise under the rule, which would call for its suspension, do not consider that such a case has been here presented. They, therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, (Signed) Wm. H. Foster.

On Motion of Mr. Tracy, City Document. No.

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Classification of Schools. Committee's report amended.

g. with the exhibit and orders thereto appended, was taken from the table and amended, as follows: commencing on page 5 line 23. Strike out the words "Raising the roof one story and"; add an s to room insert "and Ward room" after school. Strike out, in the next sentence from "The room on the first floor" to "pupils" inclusive and insert in the last clause "The necessary use of the". The whole paragraph, as amended, now reads:- "Your committee believe that it can be so altered, by occupying the rooms now used for a primary school and ward room on the first floor. The house would then afford ample accommodations for seven hundred and twenty pupils, without interfering with the necessary use of the Ward room.

On page 6, beginning at line 17, Strike out the words "two upper" and the words "and the lower floor" &c to "other side and" inclusive, and all after pupils to the end of the paragraph, substituting the number 768 for 660. As amended this portion of the report reads "This house should be altered, by entering on the centre of the sides, in the yards, taking away the recitation rooms, and dividing the stories into four rooms each, thus accommodating 768 pupils.

On page 8, line 11 for 8.000 read 2,000, for alterations of the Eliot-house. Line 14 for 12,000 read 6.000. Expunge the whole of the paragraph commencing "If the Brimmer house is raised," &c and that commencing "And it would

not be necessary. Line 28 for 12,000 read 6,000 Line 30 for 38,000 read 44,000. and expunge the whole of line 32. Mar. 23 1852

On motion of Mr. Tracy, ordered. That when the question is taken it be taken by yeas and nays.

The Board refused to suspend the rule which restricted to five minutes the time allotted to each speaker. Upon the resolve and orders then pending the question was taken with the following result. viz. Yeas Messrs. Gardner, Beecher, Simpson, Lothrop, Tracy, Stevenson, Adams, Rugg, Bates, Clarke, Crosby, Dibby, Foster and Eaton. Nays. Messrs. Leavitt, Thorndike, Hazelton, Winslow, Emerson, Norcross, Felt and Randall. Absent Messrs. Hahn, Simonds and Alger. Yeas 14, nays 8. absent 3. Yeas & Nays

The Board then adopted the orders appended to the report. The Resolve and orders thus adopted are "Resolved, That, whereas the Endicott and Adams Grammar Schools may be discontinued as such, and the pupils distributed among the other schools to the greater efficiency of those schools, without subjecting the City to any outlay and at an annual saving in the current expenses of about eleven thousand five hundred dollars, it is therefore

Ordered, That the Chairman of this Board be requested to lay the accompanying Report before the City Council, asking that the proposed alterations in the Eliot, Hayden and Brimmer school houses, be made as soon as the 1st of Septem

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Endicott & Adams Schools discontinued.

ber next. Ordered, That, as soon as the alterations shall have been made by the City Council the Endicott and Adams Grammar Schools be discontinued.

So. Boston Schools.

On motion of Dr. Adams, ordered That the Committee on the Classification and consolidation of the Grammar schools consider the expediency of dispensing with one of the schools in South Boston.

Stiths Petition Report on.

The Sub Committee of the Chapman school, to whom was referred the petition of William and Charlotte Stith, colored citizens of East Boston, requesting permission to send their children to the Chapman school, most respectfully report That the whole subject under consideration has been embraced and examined in a report presented to the school Board in Aug. 1849 and adopted by the same

At that time the questions as to the legal right of the Board to exclude, as well as the expediency of excluding, colored children from the Grammar Schools in this City were fully discussed, and the former referred for decision to the Supreme Court. It was decided in the affirmative, (i.e.) that the School Board had that power.

Since that time, this very troublesome subject has not been agitated or, if it has, so far as your committee can ascertain, has been settled prompt-

ly, in accordance with the above decision, and the colored citizens of South and East Boston, as well as those [illegible] children to the Smith School.

In the present case your Committee can see no reason why an exception should be made in favor of the above petitioners.

One source of complaint is, the great distance of the Smith School from their place of residence, but your Committee do not think it of sufficient weight, for the instances are numerous where the pupils of the Latin Grammar and of the English High School have to go as far and under as unfavorable circumstances and no complaints to have ever been made.

Another reasonable cause of complaint is the expense of the Ferry, and in this case the parents contend that they cannot submit to it. In this point your Committee are in favor of defraying the expense of ferry tickets in such way as the Board may think best, rather than establish a precedent which they foresee, at no distant period, will prove very troublesome and dangerous.

They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Wm. H. Thorndike, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Mr. Emerson from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of alterations in the

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Mather Sch: alterations

Bowdoin Sch: Ventilation

Mather School house made a report thereon and presented the following order, which was adopted

Ordered That a certified copy of the above report, together with the plan therein referred to be committed to the Committee on the Classification and Consolidation of the Grammar Schools for their consideration

On motion of Mr. Lothrop, Ordered that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock, to consider the report of the Special Committee on the Duties of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools.

The Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses report, that they have attended to the order of the Board respecting the defective ventilation of the Bowdoin School house, and find that, although the arrangements for ventilating the rooms were well designed, they were never finished. The ventiducts from the several rooms terminate in the attic, while they should have been extended to the ventilators that stand upon the roof.

Your committee also find that the roof of the building leaks, about the cupola, and the building much injured thereby. They recommend the passage of the subjoined order. F. Emerson, Chairman.

Ordered That a copy of the above report be sent to the City Council, with the request

of this Board that the ventilating apparatus of the Boudoin school house may be finished, and that the roof of the building may be made tight. Mar. 30. 1852

Read and accepted, and the order passed.

Adjourned for one week.

Attest.

Edward Capen

Secretary.

At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday March 30th at 4 o'clock P. M, the Chairman and the whole Board were present, except Mess.rs Thorndike, Hahn, Winslow, Stevenson, Adams and Alger. Mar 30. 1852

Mr. Lothrop from the special Committee on Rules & Regulations, submitted a report in print. (City Doc. No. 16,) together with some brief explanatory remarks in writing. The report was then taken up and, on motion of Mr. Norcross, acted upon by chapters in regular order. Chapter I was adopted; but the vote on Rules & Regulations. Com.tee Rep.

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Rules & Regulations. Amendments to Report.

the adoption was reconsidered, and the words "of" and "school rooms", lines 18 and 19 were erased, and the words "of time" inserted after "vacant" and "new", respectively. With these amendments the chapter was again adopted.

Sections II. III. IV. V. were successively adopted. On motion of Mr. Eaton the vote on Chapter V was reconsidered and section 9 was amended by inserting, after "vote of the Board", the words "And, in case any sub committee have decided not to nominate any teacher for reëlection, such committee shall give notice of their intention to the individual so situated before the annual election." Thus amended the chapter was again adopted.

Chapter VI. was amended by inserting the words "and good conduct" after "general scholarship" in section 5. by substituting "give early notice of" for "notify" in section 18 line 2, and inserting "as a condition of its being presented to them for acceptance" after examination, in line 6. This Chapter was then adopted.

Chapter VII was adopted, after substituting "the following" for "as follows" in section 2.

Chapter I of the Regulations was amended, by inserting after "opened", section 24 the words "and the teachers expected to be present both morning and afternoon"; and by erasing "and in cold weather warmed" This

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Chapter was then adopted. Chapter II was amended by inserting or Olmsted's Rudiments of Natural Philosophy, after Parker's Compendium of Natural and Experimental Philosophy in sections 16 and 17, and by substituting Jarvis's Practical Physiology for Cutler's first Book of Anatomy and Physiology; and Geometry for Trigonometry in section 17. This Chapter was then adopted.

Chapters III and IV were then adopted Also Chapter V. after inserting the word "Andrews" before "Latin Reader" in the Studies of the 6th Class, section 12.

The report as amended was then accepted, with the understanding that a few typographical and verbal errors would be corrected, as it passed through the press.

Ordered, That Miss Mary Jane Newmarch, who has served the usual period of probation, to the satisfaction of the Sub committee and of the master, be confirmed as assistant teacher in the Mather School. Newmarch confirmed

Mr. Emery, from the committee on the Mather classification and Consolidation of the Schools, presented a report recommending the adoption of the report and order respecting the proposed alterations of the Mather School house, as presented by the Committee on Mather Alterations

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The Committee on the Erection Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses, at the last meeting of this Board. Adopted. In School Committee Mar. 23

Mather School House

The Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School-houses, having had under consideration a plan for remodelling the Mather School house, report That they have taken more time than usual in considering the subject, with a view to fix on such a plan for the new structure as shall be best suited for adoption in all the school houses that may hereafter be built or altered.

The Mather school house is, like most of the others of an oblong form. Its area within the walls is 72 by *41 feet, and it is three stories high, a part of the lower story being designed for a ward-room.

Your Committee have come to a conclusion that the most economical and convenient disposition which can be made of the space within the walls is the following:—

Construct a transverse entry through the middle of each story. This will divide the house into six rooms. Then construct a partition through each of the six rooms, from the middle of the end walls of the house to the middle of the entry partitions. Thus dividing the house into 12 equal rooms By this arrangement the entrances to the house

* For 41 read 39. 41 should have been 39

will be on the middle of each side, and the stair-ways will be all in the transverse entry. Two of the lower rooms may be appropriated to Primary schools and be furnished with portable seats. The partition between these two rooms may be made to slide back, and their whole area may be used for a ward room. There will then be ten rooms for the Grammar school each of which will have sixty three seats for scholars, making six hundred and thirty seats for the entire school. This number of seats is abundantly adequate to a school register of seven hundred scholars.

A draft of the plan herein above proposed has been made and was exhibited to the Board at its last meeting. The drawing is dated Feb.y 16. 1852. Respectfully submitted. F. Emerson, Chairman.

Ordered. That a certified copy of the above report together with the plan therein referred to be transmitted to the City Council, with the request that the proposed alterations of the Mather School house may be made as soon as practicable. The members of the Board who were present subscribed to the report prepared in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth and took the required oath, which was administered by the City Clerk. The Board then adjourned. Attest:

Edward Capen
Secretary.

May 4. 1852

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday, May 4th at 4 o'clock. P.M.

Present the whole Board except the Chairman Gov. Lincoln, Hendee, Loring, Adams and Alger.

Quarterly Reports.

The Quarterly reports of the examination and condition of all the schools were presented by their respective Sub committees and were accepted by the Board

Free evening schools of Warren and Pitts Street.

An order passed by the City Council appropriating five hundred dollars to the use of the School Committee in aid of the Free Evening schools established in the Warren and Pitts St. Chapels was read and placed on file.

Almira G. Smith confirmed Lyman School

Ordered. That Miss Almira G. Smiths appointment as assistant teacher in the Lyman School, she having served the usual term of probation, be and hereby is confirmed: also that she be paid at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars, per annum for her services from the fifth day of January last. that being the time of her appointment

order to pay

Mary L. Smith confirmed Boylston School: order to pay.

Ordered That Miss Mary L. Smith, who has served with acceptance the usual term of probation, be confirmed as assistant teacher in the Boylston School: also that she be paid for her services from the twenty sixth of January, the date of her appointment.

Miss Sarah E. Adams was nominated as as- May 1st 1852
sistant teacher in the Bowdoin school, subject Sarah E. Adams
to the usual term of probation.

Miss Lucretia Joselyn was nominated as as- Lucretia
sistant teacher in the Dwight school. Joselyn!

Whereas the first classes of males and females First classes
in the Boylston school are very small and, Boylston Sch:
if allowed to recite and be instructed together, Boys and Girls
as to their lessons, would receive double the recite together
time and labor of the two masters that they
now do, — Ordered That the said masters
hear and teach the males and females of
their two first classes together, notwithstand
ing any rule to the contrary until other-
wise ordered. Reconsidered and again adopted.

Ordered. That on the afternoons of Thurs- Schools al-
day and Friday, May 13. and 14. the schools lowed to be
be dismissed for the purpose of allowing the dismissed
teachers to attend the lectures to be deliv-
ered before the Institute held for the bene-
fit of the teachers of Suffolk County.

In accordance with the Rules, the Com- Superintend[t]
mittee proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Su- elected.
perintendent of the Public Schools for the ensu-
ing year, and Messrs Beecher, Tracy and Eaton,
having been appointed a Committee to collect
sort and count the votes, reported that the
whole number of ballots was 18, necessary for
a choice 10. Nathan Bishop had 18 and was

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Superintendent's salary.

seconding vote. [illegible] Mr. Jones

Voted That the Salary of the Superintendent of Public schools be twenty five hundred dollars for the ensuing year.

Transfer of pupils.

Mr. Bates from the Committee on the Winthrop School and Mr Derby from the Committee on the Johnson School, reported the transfer of three pupils, and these transfers were confirmed.

Adjourned

Attest.

Edward Capen

Secretary

A Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, on Tuesday June 29th. at 4 o'clock P. M. The Chairman and the whole Board were present, except the President of the Common Council and Messrs. Burke, Leavitt, Shoredike, Hahn, Simpson, Winslow Emerson, Keep, Eaton, Simonds and Alger.

Hon. Benjamin Seaver, Mayor and Chairman

ex officio of the School Committee. Sir. 13; a vote June 29. 1852
of the Grammar School Committee passed Octo-
ber 7th 1851, a Committee was appointed, con- Dies for medals
sisting of Messrs Wightman, Eaton and Bates, Com. Report.
to procure suitable dies with appropriate de-
signs for the Franklin and City Medals.

These dies have been executed, with great fidel-
ity and skill, by Mr. Francis Mitchell of this
City from the designs suggested by the Commit-
tee, viz: for the Franklin Medal, a medal-
lion head of Franklin surrounded by the words
"The Gift of Franklin," with the date of their insti-
tution "1790"; for the City Medal for the Girls'
Schools, a view of the City of Boston, within an or-
namental border, around which are the words
"City Medal", and the date of its institution by the
School Committee "1821." The reverse for both
the medals is the same, and is chaste and
simple in design, being intended to have the
recipient's name engraved upon the blank
surface.

The Committee have been assiduously endeav-
oring to have medals from the new dies awarded
the present year, and they have, in connection
with the Secretary of the Board, taken meas-
ures to have the necessary number struck at
the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, at the time
that the dies are proved, and the Committee
have no doubt that they will be received.

June 2nd 1852. in season for the Exhibition. The Committee would also take the liberty of suggesting to the Board the expediency of requesting the Superintendent of the Mint to take charge of the dies, as they can only be used with safety and advantage in the powerful presses of that Institution, and, if placed in charge of the Superintendent, they will be kept safe and in good condition, and the Secretary of the Board can annually order the number of medals required, without the trouble and risk of transmitting the dies. The Committee are also gratified to state that the medals, in their present beautiful form, are not expected to exceed the cost of those which have heretofore been awarded in the schools, a result in which they have been much aided by the kind cooperation of Mr. Peale, of the U. S. Mint, and the artist Mr. Mitchell, who, independent of professional duties, have exhibited great interest in having the medals, not only creditable to the City and her schools, but as works of art to be preserved and cherished as mementos in the history of the country. The Committee would therefore respectfully communicate the foregoing statement in relation to the subject and submit herewith the impressions of the several dies from which the Board may judge of the manner in which the Committee have performed the duty assigned them. Respectfully submitted for the Committee. Joseph.

A. Wightman, Chairman. Read and referred to Messrs. Norcross, Stevenson and Hazelton on whose recommendation it was adopted by the Board, and the Secretary instructed to procure the medals as soon as practicable. June 29, 1852

On motion of Mr. Bates, Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it is expedient and desirable that the Annual Festival of the Teachers and Medal scholars of the Public Schools should be held at Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday July 27th, the day of the Annual Exhibition of the Grammar Schools. Therefore Annual Festival for Medal Scholars.

Ordered, That the Chairman of this Board respectfully request the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to take such action as they deem proper that the reasonable expenses of the "Festival may be defrayed by the City.

Ordered. That Messrs. Bates, Winslow, Norcross, Simpson & Kidder be a committee to make the necessary arrangements in relation to the said "Festival." Passed.

On motion of Mr. Randall, Ordered that a committee of five be appointed to consider and report what action in regard to Instructors will be made necessary by the changes which have been ordered by this Board in reference to the Adams, Endicott, Mather, Mayhew, Eliot and Brimmer Schools. Passed and Messrs. Randall, Stevenson, Simpson Com.tee on Teachers

June 29. 1852 Simonds and Winslow were appointed said Committee.

Books of Reference. Com.te report. In compliance with the following order of this Board passed at their meeting on the 3d. of February last:- viz:- "that so much of the Superintendents Report as relates to furnishing books of Reference for the use of the Grammar Schools, be referred to the Committee on Books,"- the said Committee have agreed on the subsequent order. to wit. That the Superintendent be directed to deposit the following volumes in each of the Grammar Schools:- viz Encyclopëdia Americana fourteen volumes at $12.75
M.c Culloch's Geographical dictionary 2 vols 4.25
M.c Culloch's Commercial Dictionary 2 " 4.80
Brande's Encyclopaedia of Art. &c. 1 " 2.60
Smith's Classical Dictionary. 1 " 1.75
Putnam's Hand Book of Universal Biography 1 " 1.35
Amounting to $27.50
Respectfully submitted by order of the Book committee. Joseph B. Felt, Chairman. Passed the Board having first refused to lay the order upon the table.

Book com.te report on text-books. By the Regulations of this Board respecting text books, presented to them individually, by the authors, or their agents, for introduction into our Public Schools, makes it the duty of the Book committee to lay a report before them on such publications, the following is accordingly offered. The text-Books so brought to our notice are Comer's New Writing Book; Noyes's &c.

1. Writing Book, Spencer's English Grammar, and June 29th 1852
Peterson's Familiar Science. Each of these works
has its particular merits. Had not this Board very
lately adopted all the books which they thought
needful for the schools under their care, during
the current year, we might go into a detail of
their several claims. But as the matter stands,
your Committee believe that consistency of prop-
er action requires that, for the present, there
should be neither addition to, nor subtraction
from the books now in use, or to be used, as
previous decision has already provided. In
behalf of the Book Committee, Joseph B. Felt. Chn
Adopted.

Com. on Accts. order on Records Registers, blanks &c.

Mr. Hiram G. Stevens, Chairman of the Com-
mittee on Accounts, Ordered. That from and af-
ter the commencement of the next school year
all School Registers and other books for records
as well as all blanks for monthly reports and cir-
culars, required in the several schools, shall
hereafter, in form, patterns, to be determined by
the Superintendent of Public Schools, to
whom all teachers are expected to apply,
whenever such articles are needed by them.
Passed.

Adult Schools, order to aid.

Ordered. That the sum of two hundred dollars
be placed at the disposal of Rev. F. T. Gray,
in aid of the school for Adults in Pitts Street,
and three hundred dollars at the disposal

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of Josh. L. Tamsons. Treasurer, in aid of the Sch. for Adults in Warren Street.

Recess in schools. comm.te on.

Complaints having been made with regard to the duration of and mode of exercise in the recess, as to part of the Schools under the direction of this Board, Ordered that Messrs. Felt, Bates and Foster, be a Committee to consider said complaints, and report at a future meeting of this Board. Passed.

Grammar for Latin School candidates.

The Board refused to, in an order for leaving a Committee to consider an alleged discrepancy in the Rules, in reference to Grammar as required for admission to the Latin School, though not so named, as a study, of those who are candidates for admission.

Rules amended

On motion of Dr. Clarke. Ordered that on the 20th page of the Rules and Regulations, Section 2nd the word "semi" be struck out, so that it shall read "annually in the month" &c. Passed unanimously.

Miss King's pay.

Ordered That the sum of seventy five dollars be paid to Miss Caroline King for services as teacher in the Endicott School from March 1st to June 1st 1852. Read and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction

Messrs Ayres and Weever.

A communication from Mr. William C. Ayres, grammar Master in the Eliot School and one from Mr. Jas Weever, Master in the Adams School were referred to the special Committee on Instructors.

The Board laid upon the table a preamble and

resolution on the subject of inviting persons to visit the Pub- ; June 24 1852
lic Schools, who have, in view of the marriage tie , , a vicious
reputation.

Ordered. That the following teachers, who have accept- Teachers con-
ably served the usual term of probation, be confirmed in firmed in
their respective schools; viz. Miss. Almira Paul, in the Winthrop, Boyls-
Winthrop School since March 1st, Miss Elizabeth Feather ton & Wells schs
lee in the Winthrop School, since March 8th, Misses
Laura P. Holland and Miss Louisa F. Moulton, in
the Baylston School, since March 1st, Miss Lyd-
ia A. Ha[illegible]ard, in Wells School since February 1st
and Miss Maria E. Chace, in Wells School, since
March 10th

Mr. Tracy, from the special committee on the Normal
subject of a Normal School, presented an, joint School
a report and order, which, on motion of Mr. Randall, Comttee.
were laid on the table, for consideration on Thurs- report
day next at 4 o'clock P.M. to which hour
the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Edward Cowen.
Secretary.

July 1. 1852

At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday, July 1st at 4 o'clock, P.M. the Chairman and the whole Board were present, except Messrs. Emerson, Hazeltine, King, Weston, Emmons, Mayo, Simonds and Alger.

Normal School report considered

City Document No. 32, being the Report of a Special Committee on the subject of a City Normal School was taken from the table, having been assigned for consideration at this meeting. The Board having refused to postpone the matter till the last Tuesday in September next, Mr. Adams moved the following, as a substitute for the order appended to the Report of the Committee,- voted, that the Chairman of this Committee be requested to lay the matter of another Normal School before the City Council, with a request that he be authorized to make application to the Legislature of the State, at its next session, for an additional State Normal school to be located in the City of Boston, and to offer, as an inducement for effecting the object, to furnish a school house for the same, without any expense to the State. This motion did not prevail. On motion of Mr. Randall, this question on the passage of the original order was

Substitute for Normal School order rejected.

Yeas and Nays.

taken upon it by yeas and nays, as follows.

Yeas, Messrs. Beecher, Hale, Sawyer, Tracy, Rufus Bates, Brooks, Dodge, Fett, Eaton, Randall and the Mayor :- 12.

Nays. Messrs. Thorndike, Keep and Randall :- 3. July 1. 1852

Absent. Messrs. Leavitt, Simpson, Hazelton, Lothrop, Winslow, Emerson, Stevenson, Adams, Foster, Simonds and Alger :- 11.

According it was Ordered that the report of said Committee, being City Document no 32, be accepted, and that the Chairman be requested to transmit the same to the City Council, with the request that the necessary votes may be passed to establish the proposed School. Normal School Report accepted and transmitted to City Council.

Ordered That Miss Mary Jane Tarr, who has served the usual term of probation with acceptance, be confirmed as assistant teacher in the Franklin School. Mary J. Tarr confirmed.

A quorum not being present, the Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Edward Wilson

Secretary.

July 13. 1852

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, on Tuesday, July 13th, at 5 o'clock P. M.

There being no quorum the meeting was adjourned, sine die.

Attest;

Edward Capen,
Secretary.

Aug. 3d 1852

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Tuesday, Aug: 3d, at 4 o'clock P.M. and the whole board was present, except Messrs. Stevenson and Emerson.

Quarterly Reports

The quarterly reports on the examination and condition of all the schools, except the English High, Boylston, Hawes and Wells, were read by the Chairman of their respective committees, and were accepted by the Board.

Semi ann. Returns.

The secretary presented the abstract of the semi-annual returns, which was placed on file.

Latin School Usher

On motion of Mr. Derby, Ordered that the Sub-Committee on the Latin School be authorized, at their discretion, when selecting and appointing an usher in the place of Mr. Hale resigned, to consider two years' service of any applicant in a classical school equivalent to two years service in the Latin School, so that the salary

of the usher may, in such case, commence at one thousand dollars, and from that point progress according to the rules of the School Committee. Sept. 1852

Ordered. That the sum of seventy five dollars be paid to Miss Caroline King for services as Teacher in the Endicott School from March 1st to June 1st. The Committee on Temporary Instruction report that the above order should pass, the amount appropriated being in full for the services of Miss King and her substitute per order of the Committee. E. H. Derby, Chairman. Read and accepted, and the order passed. Caroline King

Ordered. That the Sub committees of the Wells and Winthrop Schools be allowed to introduce into said schools, the "Pestalozzian School Song Book" to be used in connection with the singing book now in use in those schools. Pestalozzian School-Song-Book

Ordered. That Messrs. Tracy, Simpson, Bates, Beecher, & Norcross be a special committee to rearrange the school sections of the several schools affected by the recent changes adopted by this Board, and that they also give due notice through the Secretary of this Board of the changes made by them. School Sections

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Russell, Derby and Simpson a Sub Committee on the Normal School, and on motion of Mr. Clarke, it was ordered that this Committee be directed Normal School

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a draw up the plan of organization & draft rules with the necessary rules to carry out the plan and report to this Board as early as practicable. This action followed the reading of a paper from the City Council, informing the Board of the passage of an order to establish a normal school in the Adams School House, as a part of the System of Public Schools. see file of papers for 1852.

Curtis. S. E. Miss Sarah E. Curtis was nominated as assistant teacher in the Endicott School.

Adams. S. E. The nomination of Miss Sarah E. Adams, as teacher in the Bowdoin School, was confirmed, she having served the requisite time to the satisfaction of the Sub committee.

Turner Ordered That the appointment of Miss Amanda L. Turner as assistant in the Lyman School be confirmed, She having served more than the usual term of probation, and that she be paid from the first of March last.

Secret Session Voted, to proceed by ballot, in secret session, to the choice of masters of the Public Schools for the ensuing year. The Board then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, the President of the Common Council in the Chair, but the Committee rose, without transacting business, and it was

Com^tee of the Whole Voted, to proceed to the choice of Master of the Normal School after the masters of the Latin & English High schools have been chosen.

Latin School The Chair appointed Messrs. Tracy, Adams and Russell

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Francis Gardner.

High School

Normal School

Chapman Sch.

Bigelow School

Bowdoin School

Committee to collect, sort and count the votes for master of the Latin School, and Mr. Francis Gardner was chosen.

Messrs. Felt, Thorndike and Simonds on the High School, and Mr. Thomas Sherwin was chosen.

The subject of an election of Master of the Normal School was laid on the table and Mr. Randall read a report of the Committee appointed, to consider and report what action, in regard to Instructors, would be made necessary by the changes which had been ordered by this Board. The report was laid upon the table and the subject of electing the master of the Normal School was resumed, and Messrs Farrill, Eaton and Hayden were appointed a committee to collect, sort and count the votes, and reported that Mr. Lorin Lathrop had been chosen.

Voted, That the election of master of the Chapman School for girls be postponed until the next meeting of this Board.

Messrs Randall, Clarke and Simpson were appointed a committee on the Bigelow School. The Board refused to postpone this election, and, also, to defer the order of elections for three weeks. The Committee then proceeded to collect, sort & count the votes, and Mr Frederick Crafts was chosen.

The Board refused to lay the subject of electing masters of the Bowdoin School upon the table. Messrs Farrar, Hahn & Eaton were appointed a committee upon the votes, and Mr. Abraham Andrews was elected Grammar Master, and Mr. James Robinson Writing Master, of this School.

Messrs Keep and Foster were appointed a Com-

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mittee upon the votes for masters of the Boylston School and Mr John C. Dore was chosen Grammar Master & Mr. Charles Kimball, Writing Master.

Brimmer School

Messrs Bates & Hazelton were appointed a Committee on the Brimmer School, and Mr. Joshua Bates, Jr. was chosen master.

Chapman School.

Messrs Tracy & Winslow were appointed a Committee on the Chapman School for boys, and Mr. John P. Averill was chosen master.

Dwight & East.

The elections of masters of the Dwight and East Schools were postponed.

Franklin School.

Messrs Adams & Simonds were appointed a Committee on the Franklin School and Mr. Samuel L. Gould was chosen master.

Hancock School

Messrs Simpson and Clarke, on the Hancock School, and Mr. George Allen, Jr. was chosen;-

Hawes School.

Messrs Leavitt & Felt on the Hawes School, and Mr. Samuel Barrett was chosen master.-

Johnson School

Messrs Randall and Keep on the Johnson School; Mr. Richard G. Parker was chosen the master of the Johnson north, and Mr Joseph Hale of Johnson South.

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the elections on the Dwight School were postponed did not prevail.

Lyman School.

Messrs Foster and Thorndike were appointed a Committee on the Lyman School, and Mr. Hosea H. Lincoln was chosen master of the boys' school, and Mr. Isaac H. Shepard master of the girls' school.

Mather School

Messrs Russell and Norcross were appointed on the Mather School and Mr. Josiah A. Stearns was

chosen Grammar master, and Mr. Jonathan Battles, Jr. Writing master of this school.— Aug. 3d 1852.

Messrs Beecher and Eaton, on the Mayhew school; & Mr. Samuel Swan was appointed master. Mayhew School

The election of Masters of the Phillips School was postponed. Phillips School

Messrs Clarke and Bates were appointed a Committee on the Quincy School, and Mr. John D. Philbrick was chosen master.— Quincy School

Messrs Randall and Norcross on the Smith School and Mr. Thomas Paul was chosen.— Smith School

Messrs Simonds and Beecher on the Wells School and Mr Cornelius Walker was chosen Gramar Master, and Mr. Reuben Swan, Jr. was chosen writing master.— Wells School

Messrs Leavitt & Foster on the Winthrop School, and Mr Henry Williams Jr. was chosen master. Winthrop School

The Board voted to lay upon the table an order for advertising in the newspapers, that a vacancy existed in the office of master of the Chapman School for Girls, and refused to reconsider their vote.

On Motion of Mr. Randall, voted that the adjournment of this meeting should be made the last Tuesday in August, and the Board refused to reconsider this vote,

The Board refused to remove the injunction of secrecy from their proceedings, and then adjourned sine die.

Attest; Edward Capen
Secretary.

Aug. 31. 1852

At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday, August 31st, at 4 o'clock. P.M., the Chairman and the whole Board were present, except Messrs. Parker, Leavitt, Thacher, Dike, Felt & Foster.

Eng. High School Annual Report

Mr. Lothrop, Chairman of the Sub Committee on the High School, presented a report of the annual examination of said School, and, also, of the examination of candidates for admission. Read and accepted.

Assistant teachers

The Board then went into secret session on the subject of teachers, and, on motion of Mr. Seaverns, proceeded to elect assistant teachers of the schools where masters had been appointed, in accordance with the nominations of their respective Sub Committees, as follows:- Latin School.

Latin School

Caleb Emery, Sub master, John Noble, Usher, Charles J. Capen, Usher, subject to the usual term of probation, and the provisions of the order, passed on the 3d inst, and Frederick D. Williams, Teacher of drawing.

Eng. High School

English High School. Luther Robinson, First Sub-Master, Francis J. Williams, Second Sub-Master Charles M. Cumston, Usher, & Frederick D. Williams, Teacher of drawing.

Bigelow School

Bigelow School. Julia M. Baxter, Martha C. Jenks, Rebecca M. Harris, Celinda Seaver, Elizabeth Williams, Assistants: & Albert Drake Music Teacher.

Bowdoin School. Mary A. Murdock, Rebecca Lincoln, Mary S. Robinson, Hannah S. Baldwin, Elizabeth B. Mitchell, Nancy Ann Smith, Louisa Clark, Martha A. Palmer, Assistants, and A. N. Johnson, Music Teacher. Aug. 31. 1852 Bowdoin

Boylston. William F. Adams, Usher, Lavinda R. F. Treadwell, Catharine H. Grover, Ellen M. S Treadwell, Maria A. Moulton, Anna A. Foster, Rozetta N. Hodges, Mary J. Smith, Laura F. Holland, Assistants, & Benjamin F. Baker, Teacher of Music. Boylston.

Brimmer School. Voted to postpone the appointment of Sub Master & Usher. Ellen B. Cunningham, Lucy W. Butler, Mary E. Beck, Lucy F. Hall, Mary M. Knight, Assistants, and Edwin Bruce, Music Teacher. Brimmer

Franklin, Catharine T. Simonds, Sarah S. C. Cushing, Head assistant, Mary J. Leach, Lucy M. Beck, Frances E. Field, Sarah A. Gale, Mary J. Farr, Assistants, & George W. Pratt, Music Teacher. Franklin

Hancock School. Percival W. Bartlett Sub Master, Henrietta L. Pierce, Sarah E. White, Mary J. Lewis, Helen M. Johnson, H. C. F. Eaton, Lucy N. Kelley, Mary F. Kimball, Sarah Barnes, M. R. Brigham, M. Sherman, E. F. McKay, Assistants, & L. H. Southard, Music Teacher. Hancock

Johnson North. Rebecca P. Bailey, Helen C. Farnsworth, Caroline Leighton. Johnson South. Martha E. Towne. Almira Seymour, Mary Jane Danforth, Johnson

Aug. 31. 1852 — Assistants. Benjamin F. Bakes. Music Teacher of both schools.

Hawes. — Hawes. Charles A. Morrill Sub. Master, Henry C. Hardon, Usher. Ann E. Dearborn. Louisa J. Henderson, Georgiana Wells Assistants & Albert Drake Teacher in Music.

Lyman boys. — Lyman, boys. James F. Blackington, Usher, Eliza L. Pierce, Mary O. Bulfinch, A. G. Smith and Amanda L. Turner. Assistants. L. H. Southard Teacher in Music.

Lyman girls — Lyman, girls, Mary P. Moulton, Eliza A. Wiggin, Jane M. Flight, Emeline French, Mary E. Mellen, Cordelia Lothrop Assistants & L. H. Southard, Music Teacher.

Mather — Mather, Asa Weeks, Sub master, Margaret A. Cook, Lucy Page, Margaret N. Rand, Elizabeth B. Raynolds, Alice Cooper, Laura A. Bartholomew, Mary Jane Newmarch, Assistants, & Albert Drake, Music Teacher.

Mayhew — Mayhew. Winslow Battles, Sub. Master, Robert Swan, Dean F. Battles, Ushers, Elizabeth L. West, Elizabeth D. Moulton, Elizabeth P. Hopkins & W. S. Copeland Lucy F. Kimball, Assistants and Samuel Swan, Music Teacher.

Quincy — Quincy. Charles E. Valentine, Sub-master, D. H. Putnam, James C. Brown, Ushers. Sarah G. Ray, Josephine L. Tucker, Lucy D. Colburn, Lydia A. Hanson, Abbie Dalton, Sarah B. Putnam, Sophia A. Leverett, Caroline D. Colton, Angelina A. Moulton, Assistants, & Benj. F. Baker, Music Teacher.

Smith School. Charlotte M. Knowles, assistant and James C. Johnson, Music Teacher. Smith

Wells School. William H. Swan, Usher. Matilda A. Gerry, Mary S. Carter, Sarah J. Lothrop, Abby Blasland, Lydia Hayward, Maria E. Chace, Assistants and Edwin Bruce, Music Teacher. Wells

Winthrop. Nina B. Page, Head assistant. Elizabeth R. Briggs, Susan A. H. Loring, Caroline A. Rogers, Mary C. Read, Abbie K. Parish, Martha Cotton, Frances M. Huffmaster, Almira Paul, and Elizabeth Leatherbee, assistants, & George W. Pratt, Music Teacher. Winthrop

The subject of elections, on motion of Mr. Norcross, was laid upon the table, and the Board went into a Committee of the Whole, the President of the Common Council in the Chair. After a long session, the Committee rose, and reported certain recommendations to the Board; but, before the vote of the Board could be taken, there appeared to be no quorum, and the committee adjourned. Committee of the whole Board

Attest.

Edward Capen,
Secretary.

Sept. 3d 1852

Boston, August 31st 1852.

To

His Honor, Benjamin Seaver, Chairman of

Call for Special Meeting

the Grammar School Committee. The subscribers respectfully request you to call a special meeting of the School Committee, on Friday next at 4 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of completing the business before the Board at the last meeting. George Eaton, D. P. Simpson, Alvan Simonds, L. B. Rupell. Members of the Board."

Pursuant to the above requisition, a Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall on Friday, Sept. 3d at 4 o'clock, P.M. present the whole Board, except the Chairman and Messrs Leavitt, Emerson, Randall, Eaton and Alger.

Committee of the whole.

The business in order was the consideration of the following report of the Committee of the whole Board, which was read at the last meeting. The Committee of the whole, recommend to the Grammar School Board, that the Secretary be authorized to advertise for suitable persons as candidates for master of the Chapman School for girls. They also recommend James A. Page as a suitable person for master of the Eliot School. They recommend the present incumbents of the Phillips School for reëlection, and they also recommend George B. Hyde for the mastership of the Dwight School in both departments.

Report laid on the table.

On motion of Dr. Rupell this report was laid upon the

Normal School Report to be printed.

table to enable him to present the report of the Committee on the Normal School. On motion of Dr. Clarke the report on the Normal School was laid upon the table, without being read and ordered to be printed.

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On motion of Mr. Derby, ordered that, when this Board adjourns, it adjourn until Tuesday the 14th inst. at 4 o'clock. Also, that the report of the Committee on the Normal School be assigned for consideration on that day.

Hawes School Quarterly Rep.

The quarterly report on the condition of the Hawes School was read and accepted.

Brimmer Vacation

On motion of Mr. Felt, the vacation of the Brimmer School was extended one week.

High School usher

On motion of Mr. Bates, ordered, that the Sub committee on the English High School be authorized, at their discretion, when selecting and appointing an usher in the place of Mr. Weston resigned, to consider two years service of any applicant in a High School, equivalent to two years in the English High School, and that the salary of the usher may in that case commence at one thousand dollars and from that point progress according to the rules of the School Committee.

Weston. Sam.l M. Salary of.

Ordered, That the salary of Mr. Samuel M. Weston be paid to the commencement of the Fall term of the High School the present year.

Boylston Sch. Hall. com.tee to confer thereon

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Adams, that the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses, with the Sub Committee on the Boylston School, be requested to confer with the Joint Committee of the City Council on Public Buildings upon the propriety of putting an additional story upon the School House now building upon Fort-hill, for the purpose of furnishing a hall for the use of the said School.

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Salaries of Teachers

On motion of Mr. Tracy, Ordered that the salaries of the masters, submasters, ushers, head assistants, assistants and teachers of music, in the Latin High and Grammar Schools, be the same as they were last year, subject to the provisions adopted by this Board.

Chilson's furnace for Lat. in & High Schs.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, Ordered that the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses be requested to consider the expediency of putting Chilson's furnaces into the Latin and English High School houses.

Pupils out of School Section

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board request the several sub committees, in their next quarterly reports, to state the number of pupils attending each school not belonging to their school section, and whether there are any pupils attending their schools who reside out of the City.

School year

On motion of Mr. Darby ordered that the school year be understood to commence and end on the first day of September, yearly.

Brimmer Sch. Sub Master

Mr. Daniel C. Brown was, on nomination, appointed sub master of the Brimmer School.

Com^tee of the Whole = report

The Report of the Committee of the whole was then taken from the table, and in accordance with the first recommendation, the Secretary was ordered to give public notice that the School Committee would receive applications for the mastership of the Chapman School, until Wednesday, the 8th inst. On this recommendation the previous question was ordered, and the

Chapman School. Advertize for Master

The recommendation of James A. Page as a suit. Sept. 3d 1852
able person for master of the Eliot School was laid up.
on the table.

Messrs Lothrop and Russell were appointed a Phillips
Committee on the votes for masters of the Phillips School School
and Mr. James Hovey was elected Grammar Master
and Mr. Benjamin Drew Jr. the Writing Master of
this school.

The Board then went into secret session. Messrs Dwight
Foster and Clarke were appointed a committee on the School
votes for Masters of the Dwight School, and Mr. George
B. Hyde was elected to the girls department and Mr.
James A. Page as master of the Boys department.

Ordered. That two quarters salary as mas Levi Conant.
ter be paid to Levi Conant, in consideration of Two quarters
his faithful and able services, for more than twen- Salary.
ty eight years as teacher in our Public Schools.

Ordered. That one quarters salary, as master John A. Harris
from Sept. 1st. be paid to John A. Harris, in consid one quarter's
eration of his retiring from the service of the city, af- salary
ter eighteen years faithful services

Assistant teachers were then appointed to the
schools which were passed over on Tuesday last. viz. Chapman
to the Chapman school for boys. William A. Jenks. School
Usher, Sarah J. Chamberlain, Manilla M. Carver.
no. Louisa A. H. Winnek, Assistants, L. H. South-
ard. Music teacher in the boys & girls department.

Chapman for Girls. Angeline A. Brigham,
Lucy A. Wiggin, Caroline H. Rice assistants.

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Dwight

Dwight School for boys. William D. Bates sub master. Clarissa Guild, Elizabeth P. Wyman, Eliza A. Jeffreys Lucretia Pipelyn, assistants. Mr. Music Teacher in both departments.

Dwight for girls. Eliza A. Harding, Henrietta Draper, Pamelia W. Cate. E. J. Wilder, assistants.

Eliot

Eliot School. Samuel W. Mason. Sub master. Caroline W. Carter. head assistant. Hannah M. Damon, Anna S. Carter, Eliza L. Felt. Caroline A. Conant, C. H. Clement, Sarah S. French & Sophia Shepard, assistants. L. H. Southard Music teacher.

Phillips

Phillips School. Amphion Gates. John M. Colburn, Misses, Catharine P. Dow. Eliza F Copeland Ellen M. Coolidge. Assistants. Edwin Bruce. Music teacher.

Eliot school. Advertize for Master

On motion of Mr. Hazelton, ordered that the Secretary of this Board give public notice that applications for the office of master of the Eliot School will be received by the School Committee until Wednesday the 8th inst.

Levi Conants Letter of resignation.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston

Gentlemen, Having been a teacher in the public schools of this City during the past twenty eight years I hereby respectfully resign the office of Writing Master in the Eliot School.

In taking leave of the Boston Schools, I cannot refrain from expressing to you my thanks for the ma-

ny instances of kindness which I have received from the hands of the School Committee.

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Respectfully, your obedt. servt.

Boston. Sept. 3d 1852. Levi Conant. Read and ordered to be copied into the Records.

Adjourned to Tuesday Sept. 14th at 4 P.M.

Attest: Edward Capen.
Secretary.

At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday Sept. 14th 1852, at 4 o'clock P.M. present the whole Board, except the Chairman and Messrs Leavitt, Winslow, Emerson, Eaton and Alger.

Eliot & Chapman School applications

The applications for the office of Master in the Chapman and Eliot School were referred, in accordance with the Regulations, to Messrs Thorndike, Simpson, Hahn, Hazelton, Beecher and Emerson and Leavitt.

George Odiorne

Mr. George Odiorne had leave to withdraw a petition, for permission to transfer his daughter from the Winthrop to the Franklin School.

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Mr. Bates introduced an order involving a change in the Rules of the Board and in the Regulations of the Schools, and moved that it be laid upon the table for consideration at the next meeting. The order was accordingly laid on the table.

Mr. Stevenson introduced an order for the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry upon the examination of pupils for admission into the English High School. The order, by his motion, was laid upon the table, and the Sub committee on the English High School, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, had leave to take this report from the files, for the purpose of presenting a fuller statement of the facts in regard to said examination.

Eng. High School Examination

Lola Montes.

On motion of Mr. Felt, the resolution which follows was taken from the table. "Whereas the trampling on the sacredness of Christian marriage is pernicious to the best interests of [illegible] and nations — and whatever individuals are chargeable with such an offence, have forfeited all claims to public respect, — Resolved, That this Board declare it to be inconsistent with their duty to invite any such persons to the schools over which they have supervision, as a mark of such respect, — and also, inconsistent with the duty of all masters of these schools to extend an invitation of this kind to any individuals of like vicious reputation. On motion of Mr. Bacon, all after the word resolved was stricken out, and a committee appointed to ascertain the facts in regard to

the visit of Lola Montes to the Public Schools and re- Visit L. Montes
port thereon to this Board. The Chairman appointed
Messrs Beecher, Felt and Stevenson upon that committee.

The report on the Normal School, City Normal School
Document no. 40 for 1852, was then taken from
the table, the reading dispensed with, the report
accepted, and it was ordered that the Sub-Com
mittee on the Normal School be directed to pro-
ceed to the organization of the School, in ac-
cordance with the recommendations of the foregoing report.

On motion of Mr. Norcross ordered that
when this Board adjourn, it adjourn until
Friday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

On motion of Mr. Foster, Ordered That Pestalozzian
the Sub-committee on the Franklin School have School Song
leave to introduce the Pestalozzian School Song Book in
Book, to be used in connection with the singing Franklin
books now in use. Leave was also granted, on mo- & Smith schs.
tion of Dr. Keep, to introduce the same into the
Smith School.

On motion of Dr. Rufell, Miss Angeline A. Model School
Brigham and Miss Lucy D. Osborn were nomi- Teachers
nated as teachers of the Model School.

Ordered that the subject of the introduction
of Bullion's analytical and practical grammar
into the Public Schools, - and of the other books
adopted on the recommendation of the Special
Committee on Rules, be referred to the same Commit-

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be with the request that they will consider and re-
port thereon.

D. F. Ballis transferred to Brimmer School.

Whereas Dean F. Ballis, one of the ushers of the Mayhew School, is no longer needed in said School by reason of its being newly modified

Ordered. That he be transferred to the Brimmer School [illegible] Mr. Brimmer promoted [illegible] submastership.

Bairds Manual in Latin School.

Ordered. That the Committee on the Latin School be authorized to introduce Bairds Classical Manual and to change the French Grammar.

Adjourned to Friday Sept. 17th.

Attest:

Edward Capen
Secretary.

Sept. 17. 1852

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, September 17th, at 4 o'clock P.M., present the whole Board except the Chairman and Messrs. Leavitt, Tracy, Eaton and Alger.

Bullions Grammar subject to [illegible]

Dr. Lothrop, from the Special Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred the subject of [illegible] Bullions Grammar, on their recommendation into the Public Schools, reported verbally, that

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Bullions' Analytical and Practical Grammar, and Woodbridge's Geography and Atlas in the second class, should be considered subject to Chapter six Section nineteen of the Rules & the Board, which section it was not expedient to alter:— and that Parley's First Book of History combined with Geography, as it was not intended to exclude any other already in use, should not be subject to the above rule. This report was accepted and it was then ordered, that Mitchells School Geography and Atlas, fourth revised edition, with Mitchells Geographical Questions, be substituted for the Geographies and Maps now in use.

Bullions Gram. Woodbridge Geography & Parleys First Book of History.

Mitchells Geography.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

The Board then went into Secret Session &, on Motion of Mr. Hahn, the Committee to whom were referred the applications for the office of master in the Eliot School, and the Chapman School for girls presented their report, through the Chairman Dr. Thorndike. The report was accepted and placed on the files.

Com.tee on Applications report

On motion of Mr. Hazelton the Board proceeded to ballot for a master of the Eliot School. Messrs. Hazelton and Adams were appointed a Com.tee on the votes, and Mr. William H. Seavey was chosen.

Eliot School master elected

The Board then proceeded to ballot for master of the Chapman School for girls. Messrs. Norcross and Russell were appointed a Com.tee on the votes, and on the third ballot Mr. John P. Nourse was chosen.

Chapman School for girls, master elected.

Sept. 5. 1854.

Report on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses.

Report thereon by Comtee on the Erection &c of School Houses

In conformity to a vote of the Board the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses have considered the propriety of putting Chilson's Furnace into the Latin and English High school rooms, and now offer the following report:

On examination of the premises the Committee find that the buildings appropriated to the Latin and the English High schools is warmed by means of four furnaces. The fire chamber of these furnaces is constructed of cast iron, and to warm the rooms it is necessary to raise the temperature of the iron to a red heat. Hence a considerable portion of the air which passes through the furnaces into the rooms is subjected to contact with the highly heated iron, and is thereby decomposed and rendered unfit for the purposes of respiration. This state of things fully accounts for the complaints of the teachers, who say that, after the rooms are warmed, the breathing is unsatisfactory to the lungs, and the head is affected to the head. The subject of furnaces is not new in this Board. The difference between a furnace that destroys the vital properties of the air, and one that does not, has been fully appreciated for several years, and has been fully reported on by several successive Committees. The Board have several times endorsed the views of its Committee. — That Chilson's ventilating furnace provided better means for warming the school

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tical. It is entertained beyond any supposable
influence of its projector. The trustees of Girard
College and the School Controllers of the City
of Philadelphia, with a view to test this
question & the validity of the warrant of
the Royal Commissioners of the world's fair
awarded a medal to its projector.

[illegible] Committee entertain a due regard for
the comfort and health of the teachers and pupils
of the Public and the Central High Schools and
the health incurred by an unpleasant & [illegible]
& warming the Building and they recommend
the passage of the resolve hereunto subjoined.
Respectfully submitted Nicholas Emanuel
[illegible] Chairman. Chas. H. Engelton.

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be authorized to introduce Wilson's Ventilating Stove into the Latin and English High School House in place of the furnaces now therein.

Read and accepted and the order passed.

Mr. Fell from the Committee on the Summer school presented a letter of resignation from Mr. John H. Butler, when, on motion of Mr Stevenson, the portion of the Report of the Committee on Instructors which related to salaries was taken from the table, and it was ordered that one quarter's sala-

Salaries of teachers not reëlected

Extra Pay.

ary be paid to Messrs William O. Ayres, Joseph W. Parker, John C. Butler, Benjamin Head and Silas Brown who have not been included as Instructors in the Schools under the charge of this Board.

High School Usher.

Mr. Luther W. Anderson was nominated as usher in the English High School.

Permission to print Grammar Schools" to be printed

On motion of Mr. Norcross, ordered that the Committee be authorized to have printed a new and revised edition of one thousand copies of the "Organization of the Grammar Schools of the City of Boston".

Teacher in Bigelow School

Miss Elizabeth Weston was nominated as assistant teacher in the Bigelow School.

On motion of Mr. Norcross ordered that when this Board adjourn, they adjourn to the first Tuesday in October, at 4 o'clock P.M.

The Board then adjourned as above.

Attest.

Edward Capen,
Secretary.

Oct. 5th. 1852.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday Oct. 5th. 1852, at 4 o'clock P.M. present the Mayor, [illegible] Messrs Bowditch, Dean, Thacher, Mann, Hall, Hall and Capen,

His Honor the Mayor in the Chair; Dr. Lothrop, Oct. 5. 1852
in behalf of the Committee on the English High School, High school
presented the report upon the late examination of examination re-
candidates for admission to said school, and, on port to be print
motion of Mr. Derby, it was recommitted to the ed.
same Committee with leave to report in print.

Mr. Eaton, Chairman of the Committee on the Ann: Escam: com.
Annual Examinations, presented the report to report in print.
of said Committee, and, on his motion, leave was
granted to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Randall, Mary S. Quincy School
Gage and Mary G. Clement were confirmed as teachers
assistant teachers in the Quincy School. Miss
Eunice D. Shearer and Sarah H. Hale were
also nominated as assistants in said school.

On motion of Mr. Bates, the order of Sept. 14 Transfer of
relative to the transfer of pupils was taken from pupils. Mr.
the table, and, on his motion, amended by substi- Bates' order.
tuting the following:— Ordered, That section eight"
of Chapter Six" of the "Rules of the Board of School
Committee" be, and hereby is, rescinded: and
that, in Chapter 1st of the "Regulations of the Pub-
lic Schools," the following regulation be inserted
ted, between sections 28 and 29. "No pupil whose
parents or guardian reside in the city, shall be
admitted to any school except that for the
district in which such pupil resides, without the
consent of the School Committee. And no
teacher shall admit such pupil to the school

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under his charge, unless authorized by a copy of the vote of the School Committee, signifying their consent, and attested by the Secretary of the Board. All petitions for leave to attend any school not in the section in which the petitioner resides, shall be presented to the Board by the Chairman of the Sub Committee on the school to which the scholar belongs, with such statement respecting the reasons for said transfer as shall be known to him. This order was laid on the table.

Quincy School. Teachers of a teacher.

On motion of Mr. Randall, ordered, that the Sub Committee of the Quincy School, in the election of a female teacher for the second class, be allowed to consider a year's service, in schools other than the Grammar Schools of Boston, to be a compliance with the regulations of the Board, entitling a teacher to the salary of three hundred dollars per annum.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, ordered that when this Board adjourn, they adjourn to meet in fourteen days from this date.

The Board then adjourned to meet as

Attest:

Edward Capen.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 19th at 4 o'clock, P.M., the President of the Common Council in the Chair, present the whole Board, except the Chairman and Messrs. Leavitt, Thorndike, Hahn and Tracy, Oct. 19. 1852.

It was ordered, that the Brimmer school which is entitled to three sets of Pelton's outline maps and has but two, be supplied with an additional set. Brimmer Sch. Pelton's maps.

Mr. Hall, Chairman of the Committee on Books, read a letter from the Publishers of Bullions' Grammar, refusing to accede to the proposal of said Committee, in regard to the exchange of books, and asked for further action on the part of the Board, Com.ee on Books. Ira Batchin's Letter in behalf of Pratt, Woodford & Co. Publishers of Bullion's Grammar.

Whereupon, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was ordered, that the Publishers of Bullions' Grammar be required to exchange book for book, only with Greene's Analysis and that, in exchanging for Greene's First Lessons, the Publishers be allowed to ask fifteen cents additional for their book. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Lothrop, Chairman of the Committee on the English High School, presented a report in print (appended to City Document No. 50) on the recent examination of candidates for admission to said School and said report was accepted by this Board. Eng. High Sch. Report.

Mr. Eaton, Chairman of the Committee on

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Annual Report to be printed &c. with the High School Report.

the Annual examinations, presented in print the report of said Committee, which was accepted and it was then ordered, on motion of Mr. Bates, that twelve thousand extra copies be printed and that the same be distributed in accordance with the rules of this Board, also ordered, that the Report on the examination at the High School be printed and distributed in like manner.

Hawes & Mather School pupils. to remain through out sch: year.

The Sub. committee on the Hawes and Mather Schools have allowed George and Oliver Briard, sons of Oliver Briard, to remain in the Hawes School, they being in the first division in the said School, notwithstanding their father has removed into the Mather School District. This leave was granted at the request of their father and with the consent of the masters of both schools. For similar reasons, they have allowed A. F. Locke to remain in the Mather School, though he has removed to the Hawes district. For the Sub. committees. Alvan Simonds, Francis Alger, Edward H. Clarke. The Report was accepted and the action of the Sub. committees confirmed.

Dwight School. Pestalozzian School Song Book

On motion of Mr. Eaton, ordered that the Sub. Committee on the Dwight School have leave to introduce the Pestalozzian School Song Book into said School, to be used in connection with the singing books now in use

Adjourned. Attest: Edward Capen.
Secretary.

At the Stated Quarterly meeting of the School Nov. 2. 1852
Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Tuesday. Nov. 2. at 4 o'clock P.M. His Honor the
Mayor in the Chair, present the whole Board, except
the President of the Common Council and Messrs
Leavitt, Hazelton, Lothrop, Russell and Alger;

On motion of Dr. Adams, the following preamble Death of
and resolutions were unanimously adopted. Hon. Daniel Webster.

Whereas Almighty God has seen fit to remove
from us by death one whom all unite in calling
"the foremost man of our country,"— The School Com-
mittee of the City of Boston, at their first meeting
after the announcement of this sad intelligence,
not only would avail themselves of the opportunity,
but deem it their duty, to give utterance to their feelings
on this solemn occasion.

Therefore, Resolved, That while we submit with
all humility to this afflicting dispensation we
cannot but deplore for our Country and the
world this extinction of their brightest ornament
and ablest mind.

Resolved that in the death of Daniel Web-
ster we recognize the loss of one in whom
existed that rare combination of the highest in-
tellect and largest capacity under the govern-
ment and control of moral influences; one in
whose own language our common school system
was called "that celestial and that earthly light"
under which the young men of our country

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[illegible] to sustain and perpetuate our free institutions.

Resolved that while the [illegible] tones of that voice, which have so often delighted our ears shall be heard no more forever, and the significant glances of those once piercing eyes are now dimmed in death, yet, in his own last words "he still lives," yes and will live by his teaching and noble example in the mind and heart of every true American so long as the last glimmer of the light of human freedom shall continue "to linger and play on the summit of our temple of liberty.

Eloquent responses to these resolutions were made by Messrs. Adams, Winslow, Stevenson and Derby.

On motion of Dr. Adams the Board then adjourned to meet on Tuesday next at 4. oclock P. M.

Attest.

Edward Capen,
Secretary.

Nov 9. 1852

The adjourned quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in City Hall, on Tuesday, Nov. 9th, at 4 o'clock P. M., present the whole Board, except Messrs. Leavitt, Hazelton, Lothrop, Winslow, Emerson, Foster and Alger. By re-

quest of His Honor the Mayor, Mr. Stevenson occu- Nov. 9. 1852
pied the Chair.

The quarterly reports on the examination and con- Quarterly
dition of all the Schools except the Mayhew were, presented Reports.
ed by their respective Sub Committees and accept
ed by this Board.

Ordered, that a Sum not exceeding thirty dollars Eng: High Sch:
be placed at the disposal of the Sub. Committee of Books of Refer
the English High School, for the purchase of Books ence.
of Reference for said School.

Ordered, that the Sub Committee on the Normal Normal School
School be authorized to procure the necessary books Books of Referenc
of reference for the school to an amount not exceed
ing seventy five dollars.

Ordered, that one quarter's salary be paid to Normal School.
Miss Angeline A. Brigham, she having been obliged Brigham's Sal-
by reason of ill health to resign her situation in ary.
the Normal School, after fifteen years faithful service
in the schools of the City.

Ordered, that Miss Jane E. Gilbert be confirm- Chapman
ed in the boys' department of the Chapman School School. Teach-
and Miss Charlotte E. Stockwell in the girls' de ers confirmed.
partment.

Mr. Felt, Chairman of the Committee on Books, Mitchells
read a Communication from E. Porter, Agent, on Geography
the subject of Mitchells Geography, Questions
and Atlas, requesting that the Board would put
such a construction on the regulations concerning
text books as would exclude the publishers

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Mitchell to receive in exchange for their books only Woodbridges Geography and Atlas and Parkers Questions.

Mr. Worcester moved to refer this communication to a Special committee to consider and report thereon: also, that the same committee be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of introducing Geography into the third classes of our schools.

On motion. the question was divided, and each proposition was rejected.

Mr. Fell moved that the Board accept the proposals of the publishers. Mr. Simonds moved as an amendment. the following order.

Mitchells Geography. Questions and Atlas.

Ordered. That the publishers of Mitchells Geography, Questions and Atlas be expected to exchange the same with all the pupils of the first and second classes, who have had in use either Woodbridges or Smiths Geography, without expense to the pupils. Adopted and the order passed.

Primary schools Miss R. P. Barry's extra services

A letter from Mr. Richard G. Parker. Master in the Johnson School, requesting that additional compensation be made to Miss R. P. Barry for the performance of extra duties during his illness was referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Mather school. Trumbulls letter.

A letter from E. A. & W. Trumbull of South Boston, requesting that their daughter be permitted to remain in the Mather School, though residing in the Bigelow School Section, was referred to the Committees on those Schools.

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A petition from A. S. Adams and eighty three others, to have a Grammar School for girls established somewhere in the vicinity of Oak street, was referred to the Sub. Committees on the Johnson and Winthrop schools.

Lola Montez Report of Committee.

The Committee appointed to investigate the facts relative to the visit of Lola Montez to the Public Schools of this City, respectfully report,

That the excitement which has existed in this City and in other parts of the nation with reference to this event, seems to have been chiefly caused by an impression that peculiar honors were shown to her in the schools, and that these honors were the result of the action of this Board.

After careful enquiry, they have clearly ascertained that no such facts have occurred, that no peculiar honors were shown her in any of the schools: but that she was merely received as all visiters are, and allowed to hear the usual exercises of the schools. In short, nothing was done for the sake of conferring on her any honor whatever. She merely enjoyed what is considered the common privilege of strangers who desire to visit our schools. — In addition to this they would state, what to this body is too well known to need proof, that nothing whatever of any kind was done with reference to this visit, by the direction or with the knowledge of this Board. — Although she was attended by one of the members of this Board, it was at the special request of a citizen of this community and on his own responsibility. Neither was it his inten-

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tion to show her any peculiar honor; but solely to concede to her what he regarded as a mere act of common civility. As to the propriety of even this step in the case of a person whose general reputation was such as hers, we leave all who are interested in the case to judge. We are satisfied, however, whatever this judgment may be, that if the real facts had been known no public excitement would have ensued, and that the real cause of the feeling which has been manifested was and still is a false statement, which was widely circulated, that peculiar honor had been shown her and an implication that this was done with the knowledge and under the direction of this Board. C. Beecher.

Read and accepted.

Mr Tracy, Chairman of the Committee on the Bowdoin School, made a verbal report, - to wit, That said Committee had granted leave of absence to Mr. Robinson in consequence of his illness and, availing themselves of Sec. 10. Chap. 6 of the Rules of this Board, had promoted Miss Mary A. Mack to the place of Head assistant and made such temporary arrangement for additional teachers as the necessities of the case seemed to require.

The Board then adjourned, sine die.

Attest: Edward Capen.
Secretary.

At a Special meeting of the School Commit- Dec. 7. 1852
tee of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday Dec. 7. at 4. o'clock P. M., present the whole Board, except the President of the Common Council, and Messrs Leavitt, Hahn, Emerson, and Keep. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

Mr Winslow, Chairman of the Committee on the Mayhew School presented the report of the quarterly examination of said school, and the report was accepted.

The Chairman presented a letter from Mr. John D. Philbrick, master of the Quincy school, resigning this office. The letter was read and, on motion of Dr Lothrop, the resignation was accepted. On motion of Mr. Randall, Chairman of the Committee on the Quincy School, section 3d. chapter 5th. of the Rules of this Board was suspended. Mr. Randall then stated that the Sub-committee unanimously recommended the promotion of Mr. Charles C. Valentine, sub. master of the Quincy School, to the vacant office, and moved that the Board proceed to ballot for master of said school. The motion was adopted, and the Chair appointed Messrs Randall, Simpson and Tracy a committee to collect, sort and count the votes. The Committee, having attended to this duty, reported through their chairman, that twenty ballots had been cast, all of which were for Mr. Charles C. Valentine, who, accordingly, was declared to be elected Master of the Quincy School.

Quincy Sch: Mr. Philbrick resigns.

Quincy School Mr. Valentine appointed Master.

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Latin School. Books of Reference.

On motion of Dr. Beecher, ordered that a sum not exceeding thirty dollars, be placed at the disposal of the Sub Committee on the Latin School, for the purchase of works of reference for the use of said school.

Teachers confirmed

Eliot School

The following were confirmed as teachers in their respective Schools. In the Eliot School, Samuel William Mason, as Sub-master, Alfred Hewins as usher, Calista H. Clement, Sarah Sewall French and Sophia Shepard, as assistants. In the Mayhew, Emily A. Moulton and Helen H. Pearson. In the Bigelow School, Miss Elizabeth Weston.

Mayhew School.

Bigelow School

Teachers nominated

Bowdoin

Hawes & Franklin Schools.

And the following were nominated on probation viz. In the Bowdoin School, Miss Elizabeth S. Kidder from Nov. 18th. and Sarah R. Andrews from Dec. 1st.; In the Hawes School, Miss M. A. Dearborn, from Dec. 1st

The following were nominated in the Franklin School viz. Mary A. Mitchell, Elizabeth G. Watson and Catharine G. Bond.

Eliot School Music Teacher

Mr. Charles Butler was nominated as teacher of Music in the Eliot School, in place of Mr. Southard, resigned.

Bigelow School Weston's Salary.

Ordered. That the Salary of Miss Weston, assistant in the Bigelow School, be at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum, from the 1st of September last, she having previously been a teacher in the High School, at Salem for more than one year.

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Eliot School Clements Salary

Whereas an error was made in the amount paid to Miss. C. H. Clement for her service as teacher in the Endicott and Eliot Schools, the past year. Therefore ordered. That the sum of fifty dollars be paid her in addition to the two hundred and fifty dollars which she received.

Teachers' services commencing to be reported to Secretary.

To prevent mistakes in the teachers' pay-roll and inaccuracies in the records of this Board, ordered. That each master shall send to the Secretary of this Board the precise date of the commencement of service of every teacher appointed in his school since the commencement of the school year 1850-51. ~ Ordered, That each master, within one week after the appointment of a teacher in his school, shall send to the Secretary of this Board, the full name of such teacher and the precise date of his or her commencing service in said school.

George Odiorne.

The Chairman read a communication from Mr. George Odiorne to this Board, in reference to their action upon his petition for leave to transfer his daughter from the Winthrop to the Franklin school. This communication was laid upon the table. and the Board then adjourned sine die.

Attest. Edward Capen
Secretary.

Dec. 28. 1852

At a Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday Dec. 28 at 4 o'clock P. M. present the whole Board, except Messrs Beecher, Leavitt, Thorndike, Simpson, Norcross, Bates, Clarke, Randall and Alger, His Honor the Mayor in the Chair,

Teachers confirmed Eng. High, Normal, Primmer, Franklin Schools.

Luther H. Anderson was confirmed as Usher in the English High School,

Lucy F. Kimball, Mary J Tarr, Lucy D. Green and Mary N. Page were confirmed as assistants in the Normal School.

Anna L. Page, Amelia F. Upton and Helen H. Chaffee were confirmed in the Primmer School, and

Miss Mary A. Mitchell was confirmed in the Franklin School.

Normal School Music Teacher.

Mr. L. H. Southard was appointed teacher of music in the Normal School.

and Drawing Teacher.

Ordered, That the Sub Committee on the Normal School be authorized to employ a teacher of drawing in said School, at a salary not to exceed that now paid to the teacher of drawing in the English High School.

Johnson School Teacher's salary

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Richard G. Parker, Master in the North Grammar School, praying that additional

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compensation be allowed to Miss R. P. Barry for extra services,- she having well performed her duties during an illness of four weeks at the beginning of the present term;- have carefully considered the subject thus brought before them, and submit the following report:- Dec. 28. 1852 tion thereon.

For about three years, the School Committee of Boston have endeavored by a consistent course of action to make the pay of substitutes conform to the principle generally applied in a business community. This is well expressed in sec. 13 ch. I. of the Regulations, as follows:- "Whenever any instructor or shall be absent from school and a temporary instructor rendered necessary, the amount required for said substitution shall be withdrawn from the salary of the Absentee. Your Committee are aware that the last clause of the section above referred to provides for making an allowance, if the petition should seem to be reasonable and the necessities of the case to demand it. They would, however, refer to a report submitted by them in March last, in the case of Mr. J. W. Jenks, after an illness of longer duration than that of the petitioner, when a temporary instructor was actually employed, which does not seem to have been deemed

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in the present case. The decision of the Board was then made adverse to the prayer of the petitioner. Your Committee however believe that in all departments of the public service, the absentee is required to provide and remunerate a substitute. While they regret, therefore, that any circumstances should have occurred which rendered the present application necessary, they consider that a case has not been presented which requires of this Board a departure from the course they have so long pursued. Your Committee accordingly recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw

In behalf of the Committee. W. H. Foster.

Read and accepted.

Superintendent of Pub. School presents his Report.

In accordance with the Rules of this Board the Superintendent of Public Schools read an abstract of his second Annual Report.

Whereupon, it was voted. That the Annual report of the Superintendent of Public Schools an abstract of which has been read, be received, and that three thousand copies of the same be printed.

Chairman, Vote of Thanks.

Mr Derby, of Ward 9, offered the following resolve which was unanimously adopted;-

Resolved, that this Board highly appreciate the services of His Honor the Mayor in the capacity of Chairman of the School Com-

mittee, the past year, and sincerely tender Dec. 28. 1852
to him its thanks for the impartiality and
care with which these services have been perform-
ed.

His Honor the Mayor, then made an appro-
priate reply, and on motion of Mr. Emer-
son, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Edward Capen.
Secretary.

Medals awarded to boys.

1852.

Medals awarded. 1852

Sub. Latin School.

Geo. Warren Copeland
Geo Lyman Locke.
Dan'l. Webster Wilder,
Richard Harding Wild,
Jas. Jackson Higginson.

Eng. High School

Charles E. Wyman,
William J. Eddefson
George E. Pond
Charles Osgood
Stephen N. Shelton
William A. Trumbull.

Adams School.

Thos. J. Corbin,
Richard F. Homer,
John S. Lewis,
Henry S. Jenkins,
James H. Brigham,
Charles A. Gould,
Frederick W. D. Holbrook.

Boylston School.

George Read,
Patrick F. Perkins,

Boylston sch. continued

Richard E. Shelton
James H. Beck.

Bowmer School.

William F. Peirce,
Charles T. Barry,
Henry Beal, Jr.,
Leonard C. Alden,
George B. Gavett, Jr.
Charles C. Haven,
Joseph C. Wightman.

Chapman School.

Frederic B. Fisher,
Ebenezer M. McPherson,
James F. Porter.

Dwight School.

Benjamin W. Seaver,
William A. Gallagher,
Joseph A. Foster,
Charles C. Sylvester,
Walter W. Hale
Charles W. Wilkins

Eliot School.

Elisha C. Prescott,
John Felton, Jr.
Samuel W. Shattuck,
James H. Barnes,
Joseph A. Wiggin,
Samuel Payne.

Endicott School.

Waldo B. Boynton,
John F. Flynn,
Edwin F. Knights,
Joseph E. Hollis,
John P. Brown,
Edwd. W. Sanborn,
Patrick S. Higgins.

Hawes School.

Francis Everett Blake,
Frederick Denny Blake,
Joseph F. A. Cole,
Richard H. Brazzell
William A. Power.

Lyman School.

Jas. D. Bailey,
Samuel A. Porter, Jr.
Hiram O Lamb
Samuel A. Lovejoy (next column)

Saml C. Travell.

Mather School.

Charles E. Johnston,
John F. Burnage,
Charles H. Lynn,
Samuel K. Bishop

Medals awarded 1852

Mayhew School.

Thos Crocker Bacon,
Charles Henry Cole,
Julius Auboyneau Palmer,
Alexander Schuttee
Jas. Clinton Butler,
Eben Brewer Foster,
Isaiah Franklin Libbey,
Edwd. Lowell Williams,

Phillips School.

Merrick Rice Pollard, Jr.
Edwd. Dexter Hanson,
William Irving Brooks,
Daniel Gregg Pike,
Frederick Eaton Simpson,
John Ballard Richards,

Medals awarded 1852

Walter Allen Gibson, William Converse Wood,
Wallace Alvia Putnam, Warren Gill,
Frederick Elliot Long, James Sabine,
Francis Radford Hollingsworth, Jno. Wm. Hobbs,
John Adams Conkey, William Henry Brown
James Nichols Bates. Frank Davis Cobb.

Medals awarded to Girls

1852.

Bigelow School.
Mary E. Bailey,
Laura J. Gerry.
Sarah E. Palmer,
Elizabeth A. Groves.
Eliza L. Darling
Jane Buckley.

Bowdoin School.
Elizabeth W. Dyer,
Mary W. Salter,
Amanda M. Hancock,
Emma C. M. Homer,
Sarah E. Goodrich,
Lucie A. P. Temple,
Cecelia A. Hall,
Maria L. S. Holbrook,
Elizabeth H. Judkins
Susan H. Kingman

Boylston School.
Emily M. Pierce,
Mary L. Holland,
Mary S. Jones.

Chapman School.
Mary E. Dickenson,
Emily E. Sturtevant,
Martha S. Nudd,
Mary D. Day.

Dwight School.
Frances E. Keller,
Isabella Wright,
Adeline A. Smith,
Sarah R. Tarbell.

Franklin School.
Frances E. Child,

Franklin School, cont'd.

Eliza M. Ayres,
Eliza F. Plaisted,
Louisa A. Ewart,
Lydia A. Beck,
Elvira E. Thomas
Mary M. Clark.
Ann E. Stevens

Hancock School.

Elizabeth C. Chipman,
Cordelia A. Lothrop,
Adaline Andrews,
Emily A. Tewksbury,
Lucinda Paxon,
Cornelia A. Adams,
Sarah E. Spence,
Louisa Myers.
Phila A. Baxter,
Frances H. Nichols
Sarah D. Holbrook
Agnes M. Swift.

Johnson School.

Charlotte A. Little,
Lizette C. Merrill,
Eliza C. Rundlett
Susan L. Leach,
Lucy Blanchard Howard,

Johnson School cont'd.

Mary Elizabeth Neal, Medals
Margaret Neal, awarded
Ann Caroline Richards. 1852.

Lyman School.

Mary Jane Leonard,
Mary Elizabeth Files,
Ednah E. Kendall,
Fanny R. Edmunds,
Mary Frances Colburn,
Hannah Elizabeth Carlton.

Tainter School.

Elvira J. Lincoln,
Olive Green,
Abby F. Hamlin,
Catherine L. Shirley,
Eliza K. Davis,
Sarah F. Poole.

Smith School.

Sarah [illegible].

Wells School.

Caroline E. Spaxell,
Rozella Gore,
Maria S. Bacon,
Louisa M. [illegible]

Medals awarded 1852.

Wells School cont'd
Lydia A. Rowe.
Charlotte E. Burr.
Sarah T. Renick
Helen L. Gilson

Winthrop School.
Eliza A. Fay.

Winthrop School
Elizabeth Newell,
Helen A. Spear,
Mary E. Merriam,
Mary A. Rich.
Margaret Barry
Augusta G. Brown
Rebecca J. Underwood.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of January, 1853. Jan.y 11. 1853

The following gentlemen constitute the Board of School Committee for the present year.

Hon. Benjamin Seaver, Mayor, Chairman.
Henry J. Gardner, President of Com. Council.

Ward No. 1. Edward Cooke, Thomas H. Chandler, School Com.
" " 2. William H. Thorndike, Robert R. Kent. mittee. 1853.
" " 3. Isaac H. Hazelton, Moses C. Greene.
" " 4. Samuel K. Lothrop, Edward Winslow.
" " 5. Frederick Emerson, Loring Lovering.
" " 6. J. Thomas Stevenson, Henry B. Rogers.
" " 7. Z. B. Adams, Le Baron Russell.
" " 8. Samuel W. Bates, Edward H. Clarke.
" " 9. N. C. Keep, Otis A. Skinner.
" " 10. George M. Randall, Thomas S. King.
" " 11 George Eaton, Henry W. Davis.
" " 12 Alvan Simonds, James Porter.

All the above named gentlemen were present, except Messrs. Thorndike, Greene, and Winslow.

The Board was called to order by His Honor the Mayor, who is Chairman, ex officio

The Chair appointed Messrs. Bates, Adams and Hazelton to collect, sort and Secretary Chosen.

Jan.y 11. 1853. count the votes for Secretary; who. having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of votes was 18; necessary for a choice 10. Edward Capen had 18, and was accordingly elected.

The following Sub Committees were announced by the Chair and were subsequently confirmed by the Board. Viz;—

On the Latin School— Messrs. Stevenson, Eaton, Rufell, Winslow and Porter.

Sub Committees appointed

On the English High School. Messrs. Throp, Randall, Rogers, Bates and Norcross.

Primary. Messrs. Rufell, Bigelow. Messrs. Simonds,

	Thorndike,		Adams.
	King.		Clarke.
Bowdoin.—Messrs.	Rogers,	Boylston, Messrs.	Adams.
	Stevenson,		Hazelton,
	Greene.		Skinner.
Brimmer, Messrs.	King,	Chapman.—Messrs.	Thorndike,
	Skinner,		Chandler,
	Keep'l.		Kent.
Dwight.—Messrs.	Eaton,	Eliot.—Messrs.	Cooke,
	Randall,		Chandler,
	Dexter.		Kent.
Franklin.—Messrs.	Dexter,	Hancock.—Messrs.	Norcross.
	Eaton		Emerson,
	Bates		Greene.

Hawes,	Mess.rs Peirce,	Johnson,	Mess.rs Skinner,	Jan.y 7 11. 1853
	Winslow,		Keep,	
	Simonds.		King.	
Lyman,	Mess.rs Kent,	Mather,	Mess.rs Clarke,	
	Thorndike,		Simonds,	
	Cooke.		Porter.	
Mayhew,	Mess.rs Winslow,	Phillips,	Mess.rs Hazelton,	
	Greene,		Stevenson,	
	Cooke.		Rogers.	
Quincy,	Mess.r Randall,	Smith,	Mess.r Keep,	
	Lothrop,		Adams,	
	Russell.		Emerson.	
Wells,	Mess.rs Emerson	Winthrop,	Mess.rs Bates,	
	Norcross		Clarke,	
	Hazelton		Dexter.	

Books, Mess.rs Winslow, Adams, Clarke, Skinner, Cooke.

Correspondence with Primary School Committee, Mess.rs Bates, Rogers, Randall.

Erection, Alteration &c. School houses, — Mess.rs Emerson, Hazelton, Simonds.

On Temporary Instruction, — Mess.rs Rogers, Eaton, Keep.

On Accounts, — Mess.rs Stevenson, Norcross, Chandler.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, ordered, that the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools for 1852 &c. adopted by this Board, until otherwise ordered. — Regulations adopted.

On motion of Dr. Adams, Mess.rs Adams, Hazelton and Eaton were appointed a Committee to nominate to this Board a — Committee on Primary School Committee.

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suitable number of gentlemen whose duty shall be to provide instruction for children between four and eight years of age, in the Primary Schools.

Committee on Rules & Regulations.

On motion of Dr. Clarke, Messrs Clarke, Norcross and Stevenson were appointed a Committee to report Rules for this Board and Regulations for the Public Schools, for the ensuing year.

Salary of the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Norcross, ordered, that the Salary of the Secretary of this Board be fixed at five hundred dollars for the ensuing year.

Teachers nominated and confirmed

The following were confirmed as teachers in their respective Schools, viz:- Mr. L. H. Southard as teacher of Music, in the Winthrop School from Dec. 1. 1852. Benjamin W. Putnam as Sub. Master in the Quincy School, and Misses Sarah H. Hale, Eliza A. Shearer and Eliza P. Allen, as assistant teachers in the Quincy School.

Mr. Adoniram Alden was nominated as usher in the Quincy School.

There being no other business before them, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday the first day of February, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

Edward Capen
Secretary.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the School Feb.y 1. 1853.
Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall
on Tuesday, Feb.y 1.st, 1853, at 4 Oclock P.M,
present the whole Board, viz: Messrs. Hayward,
Ler, Kent, Lothrop and Skinner, with His Honor
the Mayor in the Chair,

The Quarterly Reports of the examina- Quarterly
tion and condition of all the schools, except Reports
the English High and the Lyman, were pre-
sented by their respective Sub-Committees and
were accepted by the Board.

Miss Catherine G. Bond was confirm- Teachers in
ed as a teacher in the Franklin School, and Franklin
E. H. Clapp, in the Chapman school. Dwight &
Chapman
Miss Almira W. Hodges was nomina- Schools
ted on probation as teacher in the Dwight
School, service to commence Oct. 25.th 1852,
and Miss Elizabeth J. Brown as teacher in
the Franklin School, service to commence
Jan.y 3.d 1853.

Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Dwight
Davis the sum of four dollars 80/100; to Miss School
Keith the sum of two dollars 40/100; to Miss Teachers
Tripp the sum of twelve dollars; and to to be paid.
Miss Catherine G. Bond the sum of nineteen
dollars 20/100, for services as teachers in the
Dwight School; they having served, respect-
ively, the time requisite to entitle them to the
above sums, the compensation being reckoned

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at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Latin School Usher nominated

Mr. Thomas H. Chandler was nominated as Usher in the Latin School, service to commence Jan.y 1853.

Mayhew school singing book.

[illegible] the Mayhew School have leave to introduce the [illegible] singing book, to be used in connection with the singing books now in use.

Latin School Books

Ordered, That the Sub Committee on the Latin School be authorized to furnish that school with such a book-case, in the room devoted to the Library, as may be required for the proper care of such books as have been presented to that Library.

Remaining long in one position discountenanced

Mr. Comeson moved the following order

Ordered, that the masters, ushers and teachers in the grammar and Writing schools shall so arrange the daily course of exercises in their respective classes that no scholar shall sit continuously in his or her seat for more than half an hour at any one term of time without respite; and that the respites shall not be less than five minutes each; to be spent either in free recreation, or in such class exercises as shall not require continuance in any particular position of person.

Ordered. That the Board recommend to the instructors of these schools that, in assigning lessons to be studied out of school hours, no greater quantum of lesson be assigned daily, than a scholar of good capacity can acquire in half an hours study.

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Evening lessons

The former order was laid upon the table at the suggestion of the mover, but it was immediately taken up and with the latter referred to the Committee on Rules.

On motion of Dr. Clarke, ordered That the Committee on Rules and Regulations have liberty to report in print.

Com.tee on Rules to report in print.

The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen to make the annual examination of the Grammar and Writing schools the present year, viz:- Messrs. Bates Russell, King, Skinner, Kent, Torrey, Dexter, Cooke and Porter.

Com.tee on the Annual Examinations

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Thomas H. Chandler announcing his resignation as a member of the School Committee from Ward one, in consequence of his appointment as usher in the Latin School. The resignation was accepted and the letter was sent up to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen with the request that they would assign Monday the 7th inst. at 4½ o'clock, P.M. for a Convention of the two

Chandler, T. H. resigns his place on the Board.

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Boards, in accordance with the Statute, to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned.

Mather School Sub Committee, Special Report.

The Sub Committee of the Mather School House, respectfully present to the general Board the following report on the necessity of altering or rebuilding the Mather School House, so as to accommodate the pupils of that School District. The importance of making some alteration in the Mather School House has been repeatedly urged upon the School Committee. Last year, an order for enlarging the School House passed the School Committee, but failed to be carried out for want of a seasonable appropriation from another department of the City Government. The necessity which then existed for enlarging the house, or making some alterations whereby a greater number of pupils may be accommodated, still exists. The reasons for a change have only become more urgent by the lapse of time.

The house contains two large rooms or halls, each seating 220 pupils, making a total of four hundred and forty pupils. Besides these there are in the Ward Room below seats for one hundred and twenty pupils. In all there are five hundred and sixty seats.

There are, at the present time, belonging to the School five hundred eighty six pupils, or

twenty six more than there are seats. Time of Sept. 1. 1853
these scholars will probably leave in the spring
but it has been ascertained that eighty eight
others will apply for admission, in March
next from the Primary Schools.

There are other and urgent reasons for
some kind of an alteration which are
fully presented in the accompanying let-
ter from the Grammar master of the School
to the Chairman of the Sub committee. This
letter is presented as a part of this report.

Mather School, Jan.y 31.st 1853.— My Stearns (Josiah A.)
dear Sir, In reply to your enquiries Letter on the
permit me to make the following statement. their school-ho.

From careful observation, continued
through a series of years, I am led to believe
that pupils trained in the country, though
rarely so far advanced in their studies, pos-
sess the reflective faculties in a much ful-
ler state of development, than children of
the same age, instructed in City Schools. I
have looked for the cause of this in the
ability, efficiency and methods of imparting
instruction, possessed and practised by the
teachers; but I do not find it there. I think
the quietness of country life and country
schools affording opportunity for intellectual
digestion as well as stuffing, presents a
sufficient reason for this difference. Our

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City children are evidentially subjected to a high degree of mental and nervous excitement both in school and out. I am well aware that some of these disturbing influences are absolutely inseparable from residence in a large city, but such as belong to the school room, I think, should be abated. Indeed the School Committee have already begun the good work of reform by providing some schools, with a separate room for each class, and a more quiet location. I rejoice at what has been done, and I most earnestly entreat that similar relief may be extended to other school as speedily as practicable. I cannot conceive of any thing more subversive of proper training and quiet mental discipline than the present arrangements of this institution, unless, forsooth, the pupils should be compelled to pursue their tasks amid the buzz of a factory, or the din of a tin shop. Four classes with four teachers occupy each of the large halls, and two other classes are accommodated in the Ward room. The only relief to the large halls is a single anti-room so small that a single division of a class cannot occupy it with the door closed. Four teachers, therefore, are constantly endeavoring to carry on a recitation, each within the sound of the others' voices. But this is not all. The house is situated on a paved thoroughfare

along which, in the summer season, heavy omnibuses pass and repass once in seven minutes; while teams loaded with nothing more frequently add to the confusion; and, as if this were not enough, six Primary schools have been located, either in the building or on the premises so near that, when the windows are open, the voices of their pupils can be heard in the Grammar School, and the singing shouts of their frequently prolonged recess nearly defeat for the time all attempts at instruction. Besides these disturbances lest these should, after all, be found some intervals of quiet, a watch house, or police office with its temporary prison, into which rogues are thrust regardless of their outcries, is established under the very windows of the school house; and a fire engine and alarm bell to notify the boys whenever any property is in danger of being consumed.

That the house requires alteration and enlargement, or, what is better, exchange for a different structure, in a more favorable location, cannot I think admit of a doubt. That it requires enlargement will be obvious from the following facts. The house contains 220 seats each in the two large halls. 440

And in the ward-room 120

Hall 560

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there are now belonging to the School 586 pupils or 26 more than there are seats. Some of these will probably leave school in the opening of Spring, but to replace them I have ascertained that 88 pupils from the Primary schools will apply for admission in March. The number of pupils in the district is gradually increasing. This appears from the fact that, notwithstanding the numbers have been reduced by sending away those who reside out of the district, the school has actually increased since last year at this time. The whole number of scholars was then 533. It is now 586. making an increase of 53. On the first of Feb'y 1851, the number was only 486, showing an increase for that year of 47. The average attendance for the same month, in each of the three years specified, shows a like increase: for 1851=437. 1852=489. 1853=526.

The above are the principal items of statistics and facts bearing upon the question of alteration and enlargement. If you require any further information please inform me. J. A. Stearns.

Rec'd from the Sub: Committee on the Mather School. Edward H. Clarke Chairman.

Read and referred to the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses.

Primary School Board Comm'te report

The Committee appointed to nominate a suitable number of gentlemen to provide instruction for children between four and eight years of age by means of the Primary Schools, reported a

list of names selected from the former board of Primary School Committee, and recommended that the same, in number smaller than this Board had usually appointed, should constitute the Primary School Board for the ensuing year. On motion of Dr. Clarke this report was again referred to the same Committee, with instructions to report forthwith the list of the Primary School Committee as certified by their Secretary. The Committee having attended to the duty, reported the following names:- Feb'y 1. 1853

William E. Smith,	Henry D. Foote,	Henry Turner, jr	Primary school
William Dyke,	George Kingman,	J. V. C. Smith,	Board
Nathan'l C. Hart,	Isaiah Faxon,	James Foute,	appointed
William B. Lovejoy,	William H. Leonard, jr.	Harvey Jewell,	
B. W. Dunklee,	George Hubbard,	Thomas Gaffield	
John J. Meston,	Joseph F. White,	Francis Brown,	
E. W. Goddard,	E. G. J. Palmer,	Hiram Wellington,	
S. P. Oliver,	John Warren,	Thomas B. Hawkes,	
F. Resticaux:	Sebastian Streeter,	Charles F. Eaton,	
Henry G. Clark,	George W. Chamberlain	William C. Townsend	
Charles J. F. Sherman,	E. H. Snelling	John Bigelow	
Francis Wood,	Charles F. Gardner	David Kimball	
John P. Ober,	Loammi Crosby,	Jas. B. Dow	
Henry L. Dalton,	Moses C. Greene,	Aurelius D. Parker	
Charles E. Wiggin,	Abraham J. Hyman,	Benj F. Stevens	
Elijah Stearns,	Sam'l G. Damon	Sam'l G. Bowdlear	
Edward B. Moore,	Eben H. Little	Alfred T. Turner	
Dexter W. Wiswell,	Charles H. Atwood,	Fred'k W. Sawyer.	

Feb. 1. 1853.	Edward Kimball,	J. [illegible] Homer,	Henry S. Chase
	Wm. Appleton, Jr.	N. Metcalf,	George D. Dutton
	Andrew Cushing	David Thayer.	William Eaton
	Lorenzo S. Cragin,	Edwin Howland,	Edward H. Brainard
	Edmund T. Eastman,	J. M. Phipps,	Albert J. Wright
	[illegible] Carlton,	[illegible] Read,	Chas. J. F. Allen.
	Benj. P. Richardson,	Albert L. Lincoln,	Joseph Smith
	Alfred E. Giles,	Thos. T. Goddard	[illegible] Jenkins
	W. L. G. Hunt,	Edward Reed	Charles Mead,
	J. S. Clement	George H. Gay.	Thos. Hammond
	Charles Demond.	Samuel Welch	Jno. D. Richardson
	Thos. F. Chase.	John B. Alley.	T. Haven Dearing
	Fredk. D. Allen,	Joseph M. Wightman	Caleb. Gill.
	Sawyer S. Stone,	John T. Dingley	Charles Robbins
	Loring Norcross.	Otis A. Skinner.	Henry Homer.
	R. L. Merriam	A. A. Watson,	Joseph H. Clinch
	Lester M. Clark,	George A. Curtis	Judah Baker,
	Oliver Ditson	Thacher Beal.	Daniel Hall
	[illegible]	Horace Dupee,	Josiah Stevens
	William H. Dennet	Alfred Mudge,	William S. Thacher
	[illegible] Burstad	[illegible] Freeman	Gideon Southard
	Saml. K. Whipple	William Dall.	John S. H. Fogg
	T. R. Marvin	Oliver Carter,	J. H. Cheney
	Frederick Sweetser.	Chas. Richardson,	John Putnam.
	T. O. Gardner	Benj. H. Greene,	Otis Kimball
	Azor. Maynard,	Henry W. Lincoln	Alex. H. Rice
	Danl. T. Coit.	Philo Sanford,	Joseph H. Allen
	Thomas Wilder	Warren Hapgood.	Charles C. Cook
	John M. Pinkerton,	Alvan Simonds.	William Willcox.

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George B. Nichols	Asa B. Snow	Edw'd D. Porter,
Stephen Tilton Jr.	Henry A. Scudder	John W. Hinckley
J. C. Parrick	Charles H. Pierce	Ivory Harlow
Henry R. Andrews.	E. W. Blake	Thos. Ditson
David Hamblen.	George C. Rand	John Atkins
Andrew J. Loud	William H. Calrow	Jackson Richardson
George L. Deblois.	Stephen N. Stockwell	Albert Bowker.
S. B. Croft	Samuel H. Pingry	James B. Allen
N. C. Stevens	Ebenezer Atkins	Nathan'l G. Allen
Lyman Farwell.	Wm H. Delano	Rufus W. Clark
J. A. Cummings	Henry Brevoort	James N. Sykes
George W. Briggs	Joseph Robbins	Ezra Bartlett.
Ayman Mason		

Primary School Board have leave to organize &c

Thereupon it was ordered, That the above named gentlemen be appointed to provide instruction for children between four and eight years of age, by means of the Primary Schools, and be authorized to organize their body and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient, and to remove such members thereof as in their opinion do not attend to their duties, and to fill all vacancies which may occur in the same; and that they shall report to this Board, at its quarterly meeting in May, as follows:—

First. The plan of their organization, including the names of the officers and committees, the rules and regulations which govern their Board, and the classifica-

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Second. The number of schools under their charge, their location, together with the number and names of the Teachers.

Third, the number of scholars, male and female, and the studies required.

Fourth. A schedule of the Primary School Rooms owned by the City, the number of the same hired by the City, the number vacant of the same owned by the City, the number new of the same which will be required during the year, and the Districts in which they must be provided. —

And this Board will respectfully receive such other communications as from time to time they may please to make on the subject of those schools.

This order was adopted, and the Board adjourned to meet on Monday the 7th inst. at 4 o'clock, P.M.

Attest:

Edward Olson

Secretary.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, pursuant to adjournment on Monday, Feb'y. 7, at 4 o'clock, P.M. present the whole Board, except Mess'rs. the Chairman, the President of the Common Council, and Mess'rs Thorndike, Winslow, Stevenson, Adams, Bates and King. Mr. Rogers was appointed Chairman pro. tem. Feb'y. 7. 1853

Quarterly Reports of the examination and condition of the English High and Lyman Schools were presented by the Chairmen of the Sub. Committees on those Schools and were accepted by the Board. Quarterly Reports of High & Lyman Schools.

On motion of Dr Lothrop, ordered that a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars be appropriated for the improvement of the Philosophical Apparatus of the English High School, and that the same be expended under the direction of the Sub. Committee of that School. High Sch'l Philosophical Apparatus

The Secretary presented the abstract of the Semi-annual returns, made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of this Board, and they were placed on file. Semi Annual returns

At 4 1/2 o'clock the Board of Mayor and Aldermen entered, forming a convention of the two Boards, for the purpose of electing a member of the School Committee, in place of Mr. Thomas H. Chandler, resigned. His Honor the Mayor appointed Alderman Read and Mess'rs Emerson and Kent a committee Convention with Mayor & Aldermen.

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to collect sort and count the ballots, who, after attending to the duty, reported the whole number of ballots given in to be twenty five; necessary for a choice. Whereon, Mr. William H. Leonard, F. E. Leonard, Esq. had twenty four, and was chosen. The Mayor declared the result and announced the dissolution of the Convention as the object for which it met had been accomplished.

William H. Leonard, Jr. elected.

The board, having no other business to transact, then adjourned, sine die.

Attest:

Edward Capen.

Secretary.

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Tuesday, March 8. 1853. 4. o'clock P.M.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall. Present the whole Board except Messrs. Bowditch, Hazelton, Stevenson & Porter. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

Superintendent's letter and tabular statement

The Superintendent of Public Schools, Gentlemen, I take great pleasure in laying before the Committee in my Report a statement of the [illegible] of good books of reference in each of the [illegible] Grammar Schools, which has already

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received your approval, has so fully met the approbation of our fellow citizens, Samuel Appleton, Esq. that he, yesterday, placed in my hands the sum of five hundred dollars to be expended in purchasing good works of reference for the schools.

from Samuel Appleton Esq.

It will be remembered that Mr. Appleton a few months ago, presented several valuable volumes to the Grammar Schools for Boys, through Rev. Otis Rockwood. Through the same gentleman, Mr. Appleton recently extended an invitation to me to call upon him for the purpose of giving him such information as he might desire respecting the present condition of the schools. He expressed a great interest in the continued prosperity of the Public Schools, and on presenting his check remarked that he was happy to have the opportunity of doing something for their advancement. Respectfully yours &c.

Nathan Bishop, Supt. Pub. Schools.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Schools inviting the Board to call upon Samuel Appleton, Esq. to purchase books of reference for the use of the Public Grammar Schools of the City, therefore ordered That said communication be placed upon the Records, and that the Superintendent of Public Schools be instructed to convey the thanks of this Board to Mr. Appleton.

Vote of thanks to Mr. Appleton

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for his valuable donation.

Contributions to Washington Monument.

Ordered that the agent for receiving contributions to the Washington Monument be allowed to place boxes for the same in the Public School [illegible] and that he be under the charge of the [illegible] in each school; and that section 18 Chapter I [illegible] be suspended for this purpose.

Field, F. E. Quarter's salary.

Ordered that one quarter's salary be paid to Frances C. Field, the [illegible] to resign her situation as assistant teacher in the Franklin School on account of ill health, after a long period of faithful service. A motion to refer the above to the Committee on Temporary Instruction did not prevail, and the order was adopted.

Gratuities Special order upon.

On motion of the President of the Common Council, ordered that the Committee on Temporary Instruction be requested to report the amount of gratuities voted by the Grammar School Board in 1852;- what authority this Board has for making such gratuities other than the City Ordinance, on page 350 of Revised Ordinances, - what rules should govern such gratuities hereafter, and such other circumstances as may be useful in guiding the action of the Board on this subject.

Frances A. Fuller and Frances Fowler Assistant Teachers

Miss Mary Adelia Fowler was appointed assistant teacher in the Franklin School. Miss Frances A. Fuller was nominated on probation as assistant in the Franklin School.

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Rules & Regulations, Report of Special Committee there on.

Dr. Clarke, Chairman of the Special Committee on Rules for this Board and Regulations for the Public Schools, presented a report in print (being City Document. No. 12, 1853,) and proceeded to point out such changes as the Committee had made in the Rules & Regulations of 1852. The Board adopted the amendments and additions proposed in the following sections:— Rules of the Board Ch. IV, sec. 3; Ch. V, secs 10, 11; Ch VI, sect. 13; Ch. VII, sec. 2; Regulations of the Public Schools, Ch. I, secs 6, 8, 9, 17, 18, 35 & 36; Ch II. secs. 1 & 2; Chapters. III & VI, all changes in text books made by the School Board of 1852; Ch. IV. relating to the Normal School, with an amendment in Ch. IV. Sec 13. substituting "April to October" for "in Summer", and "October to April" for "in winter."; and Ch. V. Sec II.

The Board refused to adopt the following:— Rules, Ch. V. Sec. 2; Regulations, Ch. V secs. 5 & 6. and amended the third section of this chapter to read as follows:— Chap. V. Sec 3. "Candidates for admission to the School shall be examined on Wednesday & Thursday next succeeding the Exhibition of the School in July. and such candidates as are not then admitted at this time may be examined again at such time as the principal may appoint during the week previous to the Commencement of the Fall Term, and at the close of this second examination the Sub Committee of the School shall make report of the examinations & the result of each.

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A motion to amend Ch. V. Sec. 3d. of the Rules was rejected; to amend Ch. VI. Sec. 8. by expunging the words "who [illegible] in the City" was rejected; to amend Sec. 9, same Chapter, by inserting "they" before "shall submit", was accepted.

It was then voted that the Report of the Committee, as amended, be adopted as The Rules of the School Committee & Regulations of the Public Schools of the City of Boston for the current year. and it was

Rules &c adopted and one thousand extra copies ordered.

Ordered that one thousand extra copies be printed for the use of the Board.

Dissolved.

Attest. Edward Capen,
Secretary.

Tuesday, April 12. 1853. — Quick T. M. A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held this day. Present. The whole Board except Messrs. Cooke, Thorndike, Greene, Emerson [illegible] Rogers, Clarke, Keep, Skinner and Rice. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

[illegible] Chairman of the Committee on the Grammar Schools, submitted a Resolution

signed by Thomas C. Bacon and eighty one others, pa- April 12, 1853
rents of pupils in said school, who requested that the
school might hold but one session a day through
the Summer. Whereupon the Sub Committee recom-
mended the passage of the following vote.
Voted that the Petitioners for one session a day
in the High School during the Summer months
have leave to withdraw. and the order was
unanimously adopted.

Latin School petition for one session.

Mr. Stevenson, Chairman of the Sub Committee on the Latin School, reported that said Committee, acting upon a petition of the parents of the pupils, had authorized the Instructors of that school to hold but one session a day during the summer months, and asked that the action of the Sub Committee might be confirmed. But the Board refused to confirm it.

Gratuities. Com.tee on Temporary Instruction report.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred an order requesting them "to report the sum total of gratuities voted by the Grammar School Board in the year 1852;- what authority this Board has for making such gratuities other than the ordinances (page 350); what rules should govern such gratuities hereafter;- and such other circumstances as may be useful in guiding the action of the Board on this subject" respectfully submit the following report. The vote under consideration requires the Committee to report two facts

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ulars; viz. First, the amount of money voted away in gratuities: Second, the authority for making such grants; Third, what rules should be adopted for the guidance of the Board on this subject for the future. The Committee find on examination of the records that, during the year 185[illegible] the following sums were voted to the several teachers named on the occasion of their withdrawing from the service of the City; or on account of their services being no longer needed, in consequence of changes in the School System

[illegible] Lovett, after 28 years of faithful service $150.
" John A. Harris " 18 " " " " 1 " 375
" H. Hamlin Sayres 1 " 375
" J. W. Jenks. 1 " 375
" J. H. Butler 1 " 375
" [illegible] Ward 1 " 250
" Ira Cheever 1 " 200
" Angeline A. Bigham after 14 yrs. of faithful service 1 " 100
Making a sum Total of $2.800.

Upon the second subject presented in the order, the Committee do not propose to enter at all, as it involves the interpretation of ordinances, as modified by long established usage, except to express their opinion that the aggregate of appropriations made by the Board should in no case exceed the sum appropriated by the City Council for school purposes. As to the third subject the Committee would recommend the

adoption of the following order as a rule to gov- April 12. 1853
ern the Board in all cases hereafter when it is
proposed that a gratuity be granted. For the
Committee. George Eaton.

Ordered. That whenever any proposition
is submitted to this Board to extend the sal-
ary of any teacher beyond the time of ac-
tual service, or to change the regular sala-
ry of a teacher in any way; said propo-
sition shall not be acted on before it has
been referred to the Committee on Tem-
porary Instruction, who shall report in writ-
ing such recommendations as they may
deem expedient in the case. And the
order was adopted.

Mr. Hazelton from the Committee on the Erec- c. Mather School
tion, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses alterations.
presented a report and plan for the alteration Committee on
of the Mather School House, which, on motion of Erection &c of Sc.
Dr. Adams was recommitted to the same commit- houses: Report
tee, with instructions to consider the expediency of recommitted
enlarging the School house, so as to accommodate
girls to the Bigelow School.

Voted that the new School house erected Boylston School
for the Boylston School be dedicated at such House dedica-
time as the Sub Committee may deem best. tion.

Miss Lucy W. Ripley was confirmed as Teach- Normal School
er of Drawing in the Normal School. Teacher confirmed.

Miss Harriet E. Little was nominated

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Wells and Phil. lips School Teach. ers.

on probation as assistant in the Wells School and Miss Elvira Harrington as assistant in the Phillips [illegible], their term of service to commence on the [illegible].

Evening Adult Schools.

Ordered That the City Council be requested to [illegible] be placed at the disposal of the School Committee for the purpose of aiding to defray the expenses [illegible] Ref. to Com. on Sem. Inst.

[illegible] &c. of Schools. Special Com.

Ordered * That a Special Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of further reorganizing and consolidating the Schools, and report thereon in print or otherwise, as soon as practicable. The order passed and the Chairman appointed Messrs (See Record of next meeting)

High School for Girls to above committee.

On motion of Mr. Dexter. Ordered That a Special Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of establishing a [illegible] High School for Girls; or the expediency of providing in some way for a course of High School instruction for girls. Referred to the Com.tee on Consolidation.

[illegible]

On motion of Mr. Eaton, Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to inquire as to the expediency of making any changes in the Salaries of the Masters of the Public Schools, and report thereon to this Board at present or otherwise.

*On Motion of Mr. Stevenson.

Dissolved.

Attest: Edward Capen,

Secretary.

Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, on Tuesday May 3d at 4 o'clock P.M. There being no quorum, the meeting was adjourned sine die. Attest.

Edward Eaton

Secretary.

Tuesday, May 17th 1853. A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall at 4 o'clock P.M. Present the whole Board, except Messrs Cooke, Thorndike, Rogers, Skinner, and King. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair. May 17. 1853

The Chairman announced the following Committees. On further reorganizing and consolidating the Schools. Messrs Stevenson, Dexter, Bates, Skinner and Hazelton. Com. on Re-organization of Schools

On the expediency of making any changes in the Salaries of the teachers & the Public Schools. Messrs Eaton, Upham, and Simmons. Committee on Salaries.

On Motion of the President of the Common Council the Board proceeded to elect a Superintendent of Public Schools for the year commencing on the first of June next. The Chairman, Messrs Eaton and Hazelton were appointed a Committee to Superintend

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Committee to collect, sort and count the votes, who [illegible] number of votes was 14. Necessary for a choice 8. and that Nathan Bishop had 14. Whereupon he was declared to be unanimously elected, and it was ordered. That the Salary of the Superintendent of Public Schools, for the year commencing on the 1st of June next be twenty five [illegible] dollars.

Superintendent elected and his Salary voted.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Edward Capen, resigning his office as Secretary of the Board, the same to take effect after the adjournment of this meeting. Whereupon it was Voted. That the resignation of Mr. Edward Capen of his office of Secretary of this Board be accepted and that the thanks of this Board be returned to him for his faithful and courteous services in his office.

Secretary resigned.

Vote of thanks to Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the Board then proceeded to elect a Secretary, and Messrs Eaton Emerson and Greene were appointed to collect, sort and count the votes, who, after performing the duty reported that the whole number of votes was 16 Necessary to a choice 9. and that Barnard Capen had 16. Whereupon he was declared to be unanimously elected.

Secretary elected.

The Quarterly Reports on the examination and condition of all the Schools were presented by their respective Sub-Committees and were accepted by the Board.

Quarterly Reports.

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Com.te on Temporary Instruction report on Evening Schools for Adults

The Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom was referred an order of April 12, requesting the City Council to appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars ($900) to be placed at the disposal of the School Committee for the purpose of aiding to defray the expenses of the Evening Adult Schools, report, that since the reference of the order to the Committee, the City Council having made the appropriation contemplated in the order, the money is now at the disposal of the Board, and, to the end that it may be distributed without delay, and in accordance with the wishes, so far as made known, of the parties most nearly interested, the Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders. For the Committee George Eaton, N. C. Keep.

Ordered, That the sum of nine hundred dollars ($900), the same having been appropriated by the City Council, for the purpose of defraying in part the expenses of adult schools, be distributed and paid as follows: to the Rev. Frederic A. Gray, or his order, in aid of the School for adults in Potts Street, three hundred dollars ($300); to John L. Emmons, Treasurer of the Warren Street Chapel Association, in aid of the School for adults in Warren Street, three hundred and fifty dollars ($350); to the Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop, in aid of the School for adults in Shawmut Avenue, two

Evening Schools for Adults &c. appropriations.

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Quincy and Franklin School

Hancock, Hawes, Mather and Quincy Schools

Hancock and Eliot Schools; temporary instructors to be paid.

hundred and fifty dollars, & 250. The report was accepted and the order passed.

The following teachers were confirmed in their respective Schools:- Adoniram Alden as Usher in the Quincy School, and Miss Elizabeth J. Brown as assistant in the Franklin School.

The following teachers were nominated, subject to the usual probation:- In the Eliot School, from March 1. Charlotte H. Carter; in the Hancock School, from April 1., Rebecca T. Lewis; in the Hawes School, from March 14, Josephine H. Eustis; in the Mather School, from March 3, Olive Jefferds; in the Quincy School from March first, E. Maria Simonds and, from May second, Emmeline O. Vinton.

Orders to pay to pay miss Brigham for services in the Hancock School, and Miss Wilson for services in the Eliot School were referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction. The Committee, having attended to their duty, presented a report, to wit: that they had duly examined the same and recommended the passage of the orders. The report was accepted, whereupon it was ordered, that the sum of fifty eight dollars be paid to Miss Caroline A. Brigham for two months, service in the Hancock School, in place of Miss L. W. Tilley, who was transferred to the Normal School; that the sum of fifty two dollars and eight cents be paid to Miss Caroline H. Wilson for services

as an assistant Teacher in the Eliot School from March 16th to May 31. 1853.

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A remonstrance, signed by George K. Jameson and forty seven others, against the proposed change in the organization of the South Johnson School, was received from the City Council and referred to the Committee on the further Reorganization and Consolidation of the Schools.

Remonstrance on South Johnson School.

Petitions of Walter Channing and five thousand four hundred and sixty nine others, of Charles A Wells and four hundred and forty eight others, and of Edwin C. Bailey and others, all for the establishment of a High School for Girls, were received from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and referred to the Committee on the further reorganization and Consolidation of Schools.

High School for Girls

In obedience to the order of the Board the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses have again had under consideration the subject of the annexed report relative to the Mather School House — and have also considered the question of removing the girls to the Bigelow School-House from the Mather School.

Mather School House alterations. Majority & Report of Com. on Erection of Sch. Houses.

In reviewing the subject, your Committee have not learned any circumstances bearing upon the case, which were not considered before the report was adopted, and they see no reason for departing from the

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[illegible] recommended One member of [illegible] Committee dissented from that report, originally, [illegible] In relation to the question of removing the girls from the Mather to the Bigelow School, your Committee are unanimous in opinion, that such a measure would be impracticable, owing to the distance of the residence of a large portion of the Mather Scholars from the Bigelow School-house. In conclusion, your Committee are, unanimously, of opinion that the School house ought either to be altered or disposed of, and a new building constructed and [illegible] your Committee are in favor of the alteration, conformably to the plan proposed in their report of the 12th ultimo, which is hereunto annexed. Respectfully Submitted,

Frederick Emerson, Isaac H. Hazelton.

In School Committee April 12, 1853. The Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School houses, having had under consideration the Report of the Sub. Committee of the Mather School, relating to the Mather School-house and dated February 15, respectfully report it to the Board, as follows: This School house [illegible] several times reported on to this Board and plans for its alteration have been proposed, and approved and transmitted to the City Council. The last report so made and transmitted

bears date, March 23. 1852. In that report the Committee say— "That they have taken more time than usual in considering the subject, with a view to fix on such a plan for the new structure as shall be best suited for adoption in all the School houses that may hereafter be altered." — Since the last order of the Board, the Committee have again examined the premises, and they find no occasion to change the plan fixed upon in March 1852. The drawing of that plan has by some means been lost, and your Committee have procured a new draft, which they herewith present, bearing date April 12. 1853. — The House if united according to this plan will contain twelve rooms and six hundred and forty eight seats. Two of the rooms on the lower story will be separated by a sliding partition. Hence these two rooms may be converted into one for the purposes of singing and Exhibition. The seats in these two rooms may be portable, so that the whole floor may be cleared for the accommodation of Ward meetings, if the Council think proper to continue to use it for that purpose. Respectfully submitted. Frederick Emerson, Isaac K. Hayden.

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Mather Sch. House. alterations. Minority Rep. of Com. on Erection of Sch. Houses.

ber, a minority of the Committee on the Erection, Alteration, and Ventilation of School-houses, to which was referred the special report of the Sub-Committee of the Mather School, which report sets forth the necessity of certain alterations in said Mather School-house, while fully agreeing with his two colleagues in the magnitude of the evils named in said special report as therein specified, yet disagrees in relation to the proposed remedy. He does not believe that the plan proposed by the Majority is adequate to meet the case, or that if carried out, it will be satisfactory to the teachers the committee, or the City Council. The School has waited several years for the convenience of ventilation rooms, & separate rooms for each class, until every other School in the City has, in some degree been supplied, and now it should have comfortable and convenient rooms. — He does not believe that a building, only 39 wide in the inside, can be divided in width into two parts, as the plan of the Majority proposes, so as to give comfortable or convenient seats aisles and passageways for sixty pupils in each room, as required by the rules, even as it is proposed by the Majority. The rooms might be long enough but altogether too narrow, would be unpleasantly mis-shapen and inconvenient. Their plan would occupy the whole building with twelve small rooms, requiring twelve teachers, and then would

barely accommodate the present number of pupils with no provision for an increase. The undersigned is informed, that, for a moderate additional expense, falling within the amount calculated in the City appropriation for this school house, the west wall of the building may be removed outward about 12 feet; that the structure then finished on the general plan proposed by the majority, with ten rooms of about sixty four seats, would give ample space for convenient seats, aisles and passage ways, with room to stand and write at the blackboards, and for other necessary appurtenances. There would then remain a large room on the lower floor for a Ward Room for the citizens, as at present, and also to be used as an assembling and exhibition room. This might be finished with a moveable partition upon rollers, so as to furnish two additional rooms for the future wants of the School; or they might for the present be used for two Primary schools, now in the building, and for which the City must provide other rooms, if the plan of the majority be adopted. The plan of moving the whole western wall of the building with its foundation has been examined by Mr. Brown, a man of experience in such matters, and he pronounces it safe and feasible, at an estimated expense of five hundred dollars ($500). If how-

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ever this plan is not judged practicable by the building Committee it is believed by the subscriber better to build a new house than to adopt the plan of the majority. The subjoined order is proposed. ~ Alvan Simonds

Ordered. That the Mayor be requested to communicate to the City Council the special report of the Committee on the Mather School inspecting proposed alterations in said school building with the request to the Board that they will make such improvements as will divide the building in separate rooms for each division of the School. Said apartments to be sufficiently large to the accommodation of at least 60 pupils with their teacher and also providing for an assembly or exhibition room.

Whereupon the above order was adopted and it was further ordered that both the Majority and minority Reports of the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses be received by this Board, and, together with the plan and all other documents pertaining to the subject therein considered, be transmitted to the City Council for their action thereon.

A. B. [illegible] and others petitioned for leave to use the Exhibition Hall [illegible] house for the purposes of a Sabbath School. Their petition was referred

to the Committee on the Boylston School, the Board | May 17. 1853
having previously refused to lay it upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Kent, ordered, that Messrs Eyman
[illegible] the Committee on School-Houses
in relation thereto, as relates to the alterations
of the same, be united to the Committee on
the Erection, Alteration and Sanitation of
School Houses.

Attest. Edward Jarvis.
Secretary.

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A meeting of the School-Committee of the City of Boston, was held at City Hall, on Friday, July 1st. A.D. 1853.

Present,

His Honor the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, and Messrs. Leonard, Kingston, Greene, Norcross, Stevenson, Adams, Bates, Clarke, Randall, Eaton, Dexter, Simonds and Porter.

Absent,

Messrs. Cook, Thorndike, Kent, Lothrop, Winslow, Emerson, Rogers, Russell, Keach, Skinner, and King.

His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

Voted, to dispense with the reading of the Records.

Henry G. Clarke. Communication from: in regard to out of School study.

The Chairman read a communication from the City Physician, Dr. H. G. Clarke. - calling the attention of the Board, to an evil which he believed to exist, especially in the Girls' Schools; viz, the injurious excessive amount of out of School study which, from some cause or other, many of the pupils are induced to perform.

Comm^e on Dr Clarke's Communication.

The subject was referred to a Special Committee; consisting of Messrs. Norcross, Greene and Dexter.

Rogers, Henry B: resignation of.

The resignation of Henry B. Rogers Esq., as a member of the Board of School-

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Committee, was communicated in a letter read by the Chairman. Voted, to accept the resignation.

Convention proposed, to fill vacancy.

On motion of Mr. Simonds, Voted, That a message be sent to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention on Wednesday, the sixth of July, at 4 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

Report on petition of W.B. Spooner for use of room in Boylston School House.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. B. Spooner and others, for leave to use the Exhibition Hall of the Boylston School House, for the purposes of a Sabbath School, reported, That, in examining this question, they were met at the outset, by the objections raised here at the last meeting; viz, whether this Committee possessed the power to grant the use of any of our School-rooms, for any other purposes than those for which they were originally intended.

Your Committee being unable to settle this point, themselves, thought proper to apply to the City Solicitor for his legal opinion. They therefore addressed to him, the following questions, to which, are appended, his answers; as follows:

1st.- "Have the School Committee any right to allow any room in any of our School Houses, to be used for purposes other than that for which it was originally intended?"

2nd.- "Have the Committee on Public Buildings, any such right, either with or without,

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the consent of the School Committee?"

Answer.

By the second section of the Ordinance concerning the public buildings, passed July 1. 1850, it is provided, that the Committee on Public Buildings shall have the care and custody of all the School-Houses and other buildings belonging to the City, and of the erection, alteration and repair thereof, except as otherwise provided in the said ordinance, and other ordinances of the City; and subject to such rules, orders and regulations as the City Council may from time to time adopt.

As there appears to be no ordinance of the City, changing the provisions of this section so far as relates to the care and custody of School-houses, and, as no such care and custody is, by any Statute or ordinance, given to the School Committee, (who have, by the city charter, the "care and superintendence of the public Schools,") I have no hesitation in answering the first question in the negative.

In answer to the second question, I would say, that the care and custody of the School-houses, so lodged in the Committee on Public Buildings, is, by the ordinance, made "subject to such rules, orders and regulations, as the City Council may, from time to time, adopt." It is, therefore, in the power of the City Council, to a-

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dopt rules, orders, or regulations, limiting the use of the rooms in the School houses, to their original intentions; and forbidding their use for any purposes except those connected with the public Schools.

It would, therefore, seem the most appropriate course, that any application for the use of rooms in School houses, other than those for which they were originally intended, should be made to the City Council, in whom the general power of making rules upon the subject, is reposed.

(Signed,) William Rogers.

Whereupon, your committee would report, that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

For the Committee,

(Signed) Z. B. Adams.

Read and accepted.

Mr. Dexter offered an Order to confirm Miss Caroline C. Johnson as Assistant Teacher in the Franklin School; and to allow her, full salary from the date of her employment by the City. — Franklin School Teacher.

Refered to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

The Annual Report of the Board of Primary School Committee, required by Sec. 4. Chap. 1, of the Rules, was read and referred to the Committee of Conference with the Prim. — Prim. School Com^ee - Annual Report

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any School Board.

The following Order was received from the City Council

Ordered: That the sum of Five Hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grammar School Committee, for the purpose of aiding Mr. Child to continue the Charity School established by him in Charity School, Channing st.— Channing Street; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the Reserved Fund.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction, to consider and report.

Committee on Consolidation. Report of:

The Special Committee appointed in April last, to consider and report upon the expediency of a further consolidation of the Grammar Schools, &c. &c., — reported in print, (City Doc. No. 48.) on that part of the subject, relating to the consolidation of certain Grammar Schools; recommending the adoption of the following Orders: viz,

That the Chairman of this Board, be requested to lay the accompanying Report before the City Council; asking that the alterations suggested in it, in the Franklin and Johnson School Houses, be made as early as possible.

That, whenever the alterations shall have been made, the Winthrop School be discontinued;

and that the estate now used for its accommodation, be surrendered to the City Council.

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The Report was amended by striking out that portion of it commencing on the fifth page with the words, "The continual noise of carriages passing,"- and ending on the sixth page, with the words, "School-house lots in the City."

The Report was then adopted, and the Orders passed unanimously.

Same Com.ee to consider the subject of consol.g Schools in So. Boston.

On motion of Mr. Adams. Voted, that the same Committee consider the subject of consolidating the Schools in South Boston.

Dwight School-House: alterations in.

The following preamble and Order, were offered by Mr. Eaton:-

Whereas:

It is understood to be the intention of the City Council to raise the Dwight School House the present Summer; and, Whereas:

The permanent interests of the School, and the necessity that will soon exist, of providing enlarged accommodations for its rapidly increasing number of pupils, demand that some essential alterations should be made in its internal arrangements: and Whereas:

The occasion of raising the building, would seem to afford a most favorable oppor-

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Annuity for making in the most economical and satisfactory manner, such alterations as it is believed the interests of the School require,

Therefore,

Ordered, That the City Council be requested, whenever the Dwight School-house is raised, to make such alterations in said building, as shall adapt it for the accommodation of an increased number of pupils; and shall at the same time, provide for the instruction of the several classes, in separate rooms, in accordance with the general plan of those Houses which have been more recently erected or improved; and, that the Chairman of this Board, be requested to lay the above, before the City Council.

Dwight School House. Order requesting City Council to make alterations in.

The above Order was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Randall, Resolved;

School Festival

That, in the opinion of this Board, it is expedient and desirable, that the Annual Festival of the Teachers and Medal Scholars of the Public Schools, should be held in Faneuil Hall, on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 26th. - the day of the Annual Exhibition of the Grammar Schools.

Therefore,

Resolved; That the Chairman

of this Board, respectfully request the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to take such action as they deem proper; that the reasonable expenses of the Festival, may be defrayed by the City. July 1st, 1853.

Ordered, That a committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, to make the necessary arrangements in relation to said "Festival."

Adopted; and the following gentlemen were appointed: viz. Messrs. Randall, Bates, Norcross, Leonard, Kent, Greene, and Adams.

The Board then went into secret session, and the following Orders, offered by Mr. Simonds, were adopted. Secret session.

Ordered, That the Committee to make the Annual Examinations of the Grammar Schools, be requested to make a special Report on the qualifications of the Masters of the Schools, as early as the quarterly meeting in August; with such recommendations or suggestions respecting them, as may seem expedient. Qualifications of Masters. Annual Examining Com^ee to report on.

Ordered:

That the several Sub-Committees be instructed to have an early examination of the qualifications of the respective Sub Masters, Ushers, and Assistants of the Schools under their Qualifications of Sub-Masters, Ushers & Assist^ts. examination of

July 1st. 1853. special care, to the end that they may act deliberately and understandingly, on the annual nominations to be made in August next.

Voted to adjourn to 3½ o'clock on Wednesday next.

Attest:

Barnard Capen. Secretary.

July 6th. 1853

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at City Hall, on Wednesday, July 6th, 1853.

Present,- His Honor the Mayor, and Messrs. Leonard, Kent, Greene, Lothrop, Winslow, Emerson, Norcross, Russell, Bates, Clarke, Keep, Eaton, Dexter, Simonds, and Porter.

Absent, the President of the Com. Council, and Messrs. Cooke, Thorndike, Hazelton, Stevenson, Adams, Skinner, Randall and King.

Mr. Emerson was called to the Chair.

Notify Mayor & Aldermen; &c.

Voted, to notify the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, that a quorum was present, and that this Board was ready to join them in Convention, in accordance with the vote passed at the

last meeting.

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Brimmer School
Teacher.

Miss Mary Taylor was nominated as Teacher in the Brimmer School; services commencing May 30th. 1853.

Convention of Board of Aldermen & School Com.ee

A message was read from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, announcing their readiness to convene with the School-Committee. Whereupon, the Convention was held.

The Mayor appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes: who after attending to the duty, reported the whole number of votes to be twenty three; necessary to a choice, twelve; and that Dr. Samuel L. Abbot had twenty three. The Chairman declared the result, and dissolved the Convention; as the object for which it had met, had been accomplished.

S. L. S. Abbot elected.

Mr. Emerson then resumed the Chair, and stated that there were vacancies to be filled in Sexual Sub-Committees, owing to the resignation of Mr. Rogers; viz, on Temporary Instruction, and on the English High, Bowdoin and Phillips, Schools.

Vacancies in Sub Committees filled.

Mr. Abbot was appointed on each of the above Committees.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest.

Bernard Capen Secretary.

Aug. 2nd 1853

A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at City Hall, on Tuesday, August 2nd, A.D. 1853.

Present, the whole Board except Messrs. Cooke, Hazleton, Winslow, King and Dexter.

His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Records of the previous meeting.

W.N. Bartholomew - petition to be allowed to teach Drawing.

A petition from W. N. Bartholomew, to be allowed to teach Drawing in the Public Schools; together with testimonials from several of the Masters, in favor of the same, was presented by Dr. Clarke; and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction, to consider and report.

Salaries of Teachers. Rep't of the Com'tee:

The Committee appointed in May last, to consider as to the expediency of making any changes in the Salaries of the Teachers of the Public Schools, reported in print, (City Doc. No. 54) and moved that the Report be laid upon the table; which motion was adopted.

Quarterly Reports

The Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the Schools, except the

English High, Chapman, Franklin, Hayden and Phillips, were read by their respective Sub-Committees, and were accepted by the Board; the Sub-Committees of these Schools, were allowed further time to make their Reports. Aug. 2nd, 1853

The Secretary presented an abstract of the Semi-annual Returns of all the Schools, as required by Sec. 3, Chap 4, of the Rules. Semi annual Returns. Abstract of:

The following Order offered by Dr. Clarke, was laid upon the table: Ordered, That the Mather School be organized according to the third plan of the Boston Schools; so that it shall be under the charge of one Head Master. Mather Sch. Order to organize, on third plan.

The following Order offered by Mr. Stevenson, was adopted: Ordered, That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred dollars, be appropriated for the improvement of the apparatus, and for additions to Books of reference for the Latin School; and that the same be expended under the direction of the Sub-Committee of that School. Latin School. Apparatus &c. in. Order appropriating $200.--

Mr. Leonard moved the following amendment to the Rules, Chap. 6. Sec. 4.- "And no Scholar shall Medals. amendment to the Rules.

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Medals amendment to the Rules, offered by Mr. Leonard.

receive a medal, whose age exceeds the limit prescribed in the Regulations, for remaining in the Schools, who, by special permission, may have been allowed to retain a membership; nor shall any Scholar receive a medal, whose parent or guardian has not a legal residence in the City of Boston, who by sufferance or special vote, receives a membership in any School."

Laid upon the Table.

Secret Session.

The Board then went into Secret Session for the purpose of electing Masters of the Public Schools for the ensuing year.

Com^ee on Annual Examinations, called upon to report.

The Committee to make the Annual Examinations of the Schools, being called upon, in accordance with the Order adopted at the meeting of July 6, the first, stated, through their Chairman, Mr. Bates, that they were not prepared to report in full, but would do so at a future meeting; and made a general verbal report in regard to the Schools.

Election of Masters.

The Committee appointed to collect, sort and count the votes for Masters, announced the following results.

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Latin School.	Francis Gardner.	Aug. 2nd, 1853.
English High.	Thomas Sherwin.	
Normal.	Loring Lothrop.	
Bigelow.	Frederick Emery.	
	(Here, a letter was read from Mr. Robinson, Writing Master of the Bowdoin School, declining a re-election.)	James Robinson declines a re-election.
Bowdoin School.	Abraham Andrews.	
Boylston.	John C. Dore, Chas. Kimball.	
Brimmer.	Joshua Bates jr.	
Chapman.	John T. Morrill, John T. Wenzel.	
Dwight.	James A. Page, Geo. B. Hyde.	
Eliot.	William H. Seavey.	
Franklin.	Samuel L. Gould.	
Hancock.	George Allen jr.	
Hawes.	Samuel Barrett.	
Lyman.	Hosea H. Lincoln. Isaac T. Hapgood	
Mayhew.	Samuel Swan.	
Quincy.	Charles C. Valentine.	
Smith.	Thomas Rae.	
Wells.	Cornelius Walker. Reuben Swan jr.	
Winthrop.	Henry Williams jr.	

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, Voted, That the Sub-Committee of the Bowdoin School continue the conduct of that School as for the past few months, until otherwise ordered.

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Mr. Robinson's letter laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, a Mr. Robinson's letter of resignation was laid upon the table.

Elect'n of Teachers, Johnson, Bathin, Phillips Schools laid upon table.

The subject of the election of Teachers of the Johnson, Bathin and Phillips Schools, was laid upon the table.

Rev. Mr. Skinner's letter from.

A letter was read from Rev. O. A. Skinner, dated, June 30th; and Mr. Skinner requested that the fact of its having been read, should appear upon the Records.

Mr. Eaton offered the following, and moved that it be laid upon the table:-

Phillips School to be organized on the third plan.

Ordered, That the Phillips School be, on and after the first of September next, organized on the plan of the single Headed Schools.

Laid upon the table.

Election of Assistant Teachers.

The meeting then, upon nomination by the respective Sub Committees, proceeded to the election of Assistant Teachers of the following Schools

Latin School Ass't Teachers.

Latin School. Caleb Emery, Sub Master. John Noble, Charles J. Capen, and Thomas K. Chandler Ushers. Frederick D. Williams, Teacher of Drawing.

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English High School- Luther Robinson, First Sub-Master, Francis S. Williams, Second Sub-Master. Charles H. Cimston and Luther W. Anderson, Ushers. F. D. Williams, Teacher of Drawing. Normal School. Mary J. Fox and Lucy W. Ripley, Assistants. Model School- Lucy D. Osborn and Mary L. Gage, Assistants. Bowdoin School- Mary A. Murdock, Head-Assistant. Rebecca Lincoln, Mary S. Robinson, Hannah S. Andrews, Elizabeth B. Mitchell, Nancy A. Smith, Louisa Clark, Martha J. Fatman, Elizabeth S. Kidder, & Sarah R. Andrews, Assistants. A. N. Johnson, Teacher of Music.

Eng. High School.

Ass^t. Teachers.

Normal School

Bowdoin School.

Brimmer School- Daniel C. Brown, Sub-Master. Dean F. Battles, Usher. Anna L. Gage, Head Assistant. Mary C. Beck, Amelia F. Upton, Mary Taylor, Ellen B. Cunningham, Mary M. Knight and Helen K. Chaffee, Assistants. Edwin Bruce Teacher of Music.

Brimmer School.

Dwight School (Boys' Dep^t.)- William F. Barlow, Sub-Master. Clarissa Guild, Elizabeth M. Josselyn, Almira W. Kirby, Elizabeth F. Wyman, and Lucelia F. Josselyn, Assistants. L. H. Southard, Teacher of Music.

Dwight School.

Boys' Dep^t.

Dwight School (Girls' Dep^t.)- Eliza A. Harding, Mary M. Butt, Henrietta Draper and Pamelia W. Cate, Assistants. L. H. Southard, Teacher of Music.

Dwight School.

Girls' Dep^t.

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Eliot School

Eliot School. J. H. Eaton, 2nd Master. A. Kimins Usher. Caroline H. Carter, Eliza L. Fitz, Sophia Shepard, Hannah M. Dimmon, Sarah S. French, Anna S. Carter, Caroline A. Conant, Calista H. Clement and Charlotte R. Carter, Assistants. Charles Butler, Teacher of Music.

Hancock School

Hancock School. Percival W. Bartlett, Sub-Master. Rebecca C. Lewis, Head-Assistant. Henrietta L. Pierce, Sarah E. White, Miss M. Johnson, S. C. H. Eaton, Mary F. Kimball, Asaph Barnes, M. R. Brigham, M. Sherman, E. F. McKay, and M. J. Gale, Assistants. L. H. Southard Teacher of Music.

Boylston School

Boylston School. Winslow Butler, Sub-Master. Robert Swan, Usher. Elizabeth D. Moulton, Elizabeth L. West, Elizabeth P. Hopkins, Sarah W. S. Copeland, Caroline H. Rice, Emily A. Moulton, Sarah E. Curtis, and Helen M. Pearson, Assistants.

Quincy School

Quincy School. B. W. Putnam, Sub-Master, James O. Brown, and Nelonian Allen, Ushers. Josephine L. Tucker, Mary G. Clement, Abbie Dalton, Lydia A. Hanson, Sophia A. Leverett, Angelina A. Moulton, Caroline D. Cotton, and Emeline C. Clinton, Assistants. Benjamin F. Baker, Teacher of Music.

Smith School

Smith School. Charlotte M. Knowles, Assistant.

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Wells School. William H. Swan, Usher. Matilda A. Gerry, Mary S. Carter, Sarah J. Lothrop, Lydia A. Hayward, Maria E. Chase, and Helen E. Little, Assistants. Edwin Bruce Teacher of Music. — Wells School. Ass'ts. Teachers.

Winthrop School. Annie B. Page, Head-Assistant. Elizabeth R. Briggs, Susan A. W. Loring, Caroline A. Rogers, Abbie R. Parish, Martha J. Cotton, Frances M. Huffmaster, Almira Paul, and Elizabeth Leatherbee, Assistants. L. H. Southard, Teacher of Music. — Winthrop School.

The nomination of Teachers in the following Schools, was postponed; viz, the Bigelow, Boylston, Chapman, Franklin, Hawes, Johnson, Lyman, Mather and Phillips. — Teachers. nominations of, postponed.

No quorum then being present, the Board adjourned.

Attest,

Barnard Capen,

Secretary.

Aug. 12. 1853.

A Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at City Hall, on Friday, the twelfth day of August, A. D. 1853, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole Board, except Messrs. Thorndike, Kent, Hazelton, Winslow, Abbot, Randall, King and Porter. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

The Records of the previous meeting, were read by the Secretary.

Voted to proceed to the election of Teachers.

On motion of Mr. Simonds, this vote was reconsidered.

New Grammar School-House. Petition of citizens of S. Boston.

Mr. Simonds then presented a petition from several citizens of South Boston, for a new Grammar School House; and moved that it be referred to the Committee on the Reorganization and Consolidation of Schools: and the motion was adopted.

Election of Teachers continued.

The Board then proceeded to the election of Teachers: as follows.

Bigelow School. Ass't Teachers.

Bigelow School. Julia M. Baxter, Maria C. Jones, Celinda Seaver, Elizabeth

Williams, Elizabeth Crafts, and Elizabeth Hinton, Assistants (one vacancy) Albert Drake, Teacher of Music. Hawes School. Charles A. Morrill, 1st Master, Henry C. Hardon, Usher. Louisa J. Henderson, Martha A. Dearborn, and Josephine W. Easte, Assistants (one vacancy.) Albert Drake, Teacher of Music. Boylston School, William I. Adams, Usher. Celinda R. F. Treadwell, Catharine H. Grover, Ellen M. F. Treadwell, Maria A. Moulton, Anna A. Foster, Rosetta M. Hodges, Mary S. Smith, Laura P. Holland, and Louisa F. Moulton, Assistants. Benjamin F. Baker, Teacher of Music. Aug. 12. 1853. Hawes School Ass't Teachers. Boylston Sch'l. Ass't Teachers.

The order offered at the last meeting, providing for the organization of the Mather School, according to the third plan of the Boston Schools, was then taken up. An amendment was offered, providing for the change to take place on the first of March next. The amendment was accepted, and the order, as amended, was adopted, as follows: Mather School Organization

Ordered, That the Mather School, from and after the first of March next, be organized on the third plan of the Boston Schools: so that

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it shall be brought under the charge of one Head Master.

Mr. Stevenson offered the following order, which was adopted:

Johnson School. Ordered,

organization of. That, from and after the first of September, the Johnson School shall be placed upon the third plan of organization as set forth in the School Regulations.

Rev. E. Cooke resigns his seat in the Board.

The Chairman read a communication from Rev. Edward Cooke, resigning his seat as a member of this Board.

On motion of Dr. Keep, the resignation was accepted.

R. G. Parker declines a re-election.

The Chairman read a communication from Mr. Richard G. Parker, Master of the Johnson School, declining a re-election; which communication was placed on file.

Mr. Skinner offered the following Order; viz,

R. G. Parker. Order to pay him extra Salary. Referred to Com^ee on Temporary Instruction.

That, in consideration of the long, faithful, and efficient labors of Mr. Richard G. Parker, as a teacher in the Service of the City, he be paid the usual Salary of a Grammar Master for six months.

Refered to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

The letter of Mr. James Robinson, declining to be a candidate for re-election, which had been read and laid upon the table at the previous meeting, was then taken up, and on motion of Dr. Lothrop,

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Voted, to refer Mr. Robinson's letter to a Special committee, to consider and report what order ought to be taken upon the subject.

Voted, that this committee consist of five. The Chair appointed Messrs. Lothrop, Stevenson, Eaton, Keep, and Abbot.

Voted to proceed to the election of a Master of the Johnson School. Mr. Joseph Hale was declared to be elected.

Johnson Sch. Master chosen

Voted, to proceed to the election of a Master of the Mather School. Mr. Josiah A. Stearns was declared to be elected.

Mather School. Master chosen.

The Order offered at the last meeting, for the reorganization of the Phillips School, was taken up, amended, and adopted; as follows;-

Phillips School. Reorganization of.

Ordered, That the Phillips School be, from and after the first of March next, organized on the plan of the single-headed Schools.

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Voted, to proceed to the election of a Grammar Master of the Phillips School. Mr. James Savey was declared to be elected.

Mather and Phillips Schools Writing Masters chosen for six months.

Voted, to proceed to the election of Writing Masters of the Mather and Phillips Schools for six months. Jonathan Battles Jr. was chosen Writing Master of the Mather School, and Benjamin Drew Jr. was chosen Writing Master of the Phillips School, - each, for the term above named.

Upon nomination by the respective Sub-Committees, Assistant-Teachers were appointed in the following Schools.

Phillips School Ass't Teachers

Phillips School, Amphion Gates, and John H. Colcord; Ushers. Catharine P. Low, Eliza F. Copeland, Ellen M. Coolidge, Sarah E. Adams, and Elvira M. Hainington, Assistants. Edwin Bruce, Teacher of Music.

Johnson School Ass't Teachers

Johnson School, Rebecca P. Barry, Helen E. Vans, Caroline Leighton, Martha E. Towne, Almira Seymour, and Mary J. Danforth, Assistants. B. F. Baker, Teacher of Music.

Franklin School Ass't Teachers

Franklin School, Sarah A. M. Cushing, & Catharine F. Simonds, Head Assistants. Mary J. Leach, Lucy M. Beck, Catharine G. Bond, Caroline E. Johnson, Elizabeth J. Brown, Sarah A. Gale, and Mary

A. Mitchell, Assistants. L. H. Smithurst, Teacher of Music. Mather School, Asa Hicks, 3rd Master. Lucy Floyd, Maryanne Mc A. Moody, Margaret A. Peaze, Elizabeth B. Reynolds, Alice Cooper Laura A. Bartholomew Mary J. Newmarch, and Olive M. Jeffords, Assistants, Albert Drake, Music Teacher.

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Fanny R. Richardson was nominated as Assistant Teacher in the Eliot School, from Sept. 1st 1853, in place of Sarah S. French resigned.

Eliot School. Fanny R. Richardson nominated.

Ordered, That Miss Mary M. Brett be confirmed as an Assistant Teacher in the Dwight School; she having served the required term of probation, satisfactorily to the Committee; and, that her Salary commence from the 14th day of April last.

Dwight School. Miss Brett confirmed.

Voted to adjourn to the second Tuesday in September.

Attest.

Barnard Capen, Secy.

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An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, Sept 13th, A. D. 1853. at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present.

His Hon. the Mayor, and the whole Board except the President of the Common Council, and Messrs. Lothrop, Winslow, Stevenson, Clarke, Keep, Skinner & Porter.

His Hon. the Mayor in the Chair.

The meeting having been called to order, the records of the previous meeting, were read by the Secretary.

Prof. Hammersly's Communication referred.

The Chairman presented a communication from Prof. Hammersly, on the subject of Physical Education.

On motion of Mr. Norcross, it was Voted to refer the communication to the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses.

Gratuity to R. G. Parker. Report of the Com^ee on Temporary Instruction, on:-

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred, at the previous meeting, the Order that Mr. Richard G. Parker be paid the usual Salary of a Grammar Master for six months, on the occasion of his declining a re-election, have duly considered the same, and respectfully beg leave to Report: That, though disposed to

act, on all occasions, toward the Teachers in our Schools, with the greatest liberality consistent with a due regard to duty and propriety, the Committee are not aware of any circumstances, nor have they been able to find any sufficient reasons, in the present case, which would seem to call upon the Board to grant, or justify it in granting, so large a gratuity as is asked for, by the Order before them. Sept. 13. 1853.

Although the action of the Board, in every such case, will, necessarily and properly, to some extent, be influenced by the peculiar circumstances of each case, the Committee think that great weight should be attached to precedent; and, finding, on examination, that, in a very large majority of cases heretofore acted on, the conclusions of the Board, conform much more nearly to their own views of expediency, than the terms of the Order before them, they beg leave, in conformity to such precedents, and as expressing what, in their own view, must be considered as great liberality on the part of this body, to offer, and recommend the passage of, the accompanying Order-

Ordered: That, in consideration of the long, faithful, and efficient labors of Mr. Richard G. Parker, as a

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teacher in the service of the City, he be paid the usual salary of a Grammar Master for one quarter, from the first day of the present month. This Order was amended, so as to read "for six months," instead of "for one quarter," and then adopted.

Quincy School. Teacher nominated.

Harriett D. Hinckley was nominated as a teacher in the Quincy School.

Salaries of Teachers.

Voted to take up the Report on Salaries, which was laid upon the table. Aug. 2nd

Mr. Simonds' substitute

Mr. Simonds offered the following, as a substitute for the Orders in the Report:-

Ordered: That the salaries of the Masters, Sub-Masters, Ushers, and Female Assistants, in the Latin, English High, and the Grammar Schools, and of the Assistants in the Normal School, for the current School-year, be the same as last year.

Ordered: That the salary of the Master of the Normal School, for the current year, be Eighteen Hundred Dollars.

Salary question laid over

On motion of Mr. Simonds, the substitute and the original Orders were referred to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Bates, Voted, that when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to the first Tuesday in November. Sept. 13. 1853. Next meeting of the Board.

Voted. That the Committee to make the Annual Examinations, be authorized to report in print. Annual Examining Com^ee to report in print

The Committee appointed at the previous meeting, to whom was referred the letter of Mr. James Robinson, declining a re-election, and requesting pecuniary aid, made the following Report: James Robinson. Report of Committee on his letter of declination.

That they have given the subject, deliberate and careful attention; that they must cheerfully accord to Mr. Robinson, the credit which he claims, of having faithfully devoted his time and abilities to the office that he has filled for so many years; that he carries with him into his retirement, their respect, and sincere sympathy for his physical infirmities. The Committee, however, do not feel authorized to recommend to the Board, that any pecuniary aid shall be extended to him, for the following reasons; viz:-

First: He has already received his full salary for the past year, without having had it in his power to render

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anything like adequate service for the same: so that the sum already paid him, should be properly regarded in the light of a gratuity; and, as such, is as large as he could reasonably expect to receive.

Second: The Committee do not feel justified (however much they might be prompted to do so by their private feelings,) in recommending to the Board, the payment of an annuity or pension, to a retired teacher. Such a grant, they do not consider within the proper authority of the School Committee.

The terms of Mr. Robinson's resignation, preclude the possibility of appointing him to any office in the gift of the Committee, which could be, at the same time, of advantage to any of the schools, and satisfactory to him.

They are, therefore, brought to the painful necessity, of declining to advise any further action in his case.

The Committee feel assured, that so many years of faithful service, must have made Mr. Robinson the object of a respect and esteem, which will not suffer him, in his old age, to come to want.

Respectfully submitted. J. L. Abbot, for the Committee.

James Robinson's case, referred

On motion of Mr. Emerson, Voted, to refer the subject of this Report, to the next meeting of the Board.

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Caroline C. Johnson, of Franklin School.
Report of Committee on Temporary Instruction on allowing her full salary.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred, July 1st - an Order to the effect that Miss Caroline C. Johnson, of the Franklin School, in consideration of her having had nine years' experience as a teacher - mostly in an important position in a High School in Phila^a, and a First Assistant in the High School in Manchester, N.H.; and, in consideration of the great success with which she has taught in the Franklin School, since March last, receive full salary from the date of her employment by the City,

Report: That, in their judgment, the present is one of those few cases, which justify a departure from the rule fixing the salaries of the female Assistant Teachers; though not to the extent contemplated by the Order under consideration.

While admitting the propriety, in the present case, of deviating from the established rule, for the reasons stated in the Order - and which are, perhaps, as strong as are likely to be presented in almost any case - the Committee have come, unanimously, to the conclusion, that the Order as offered, ought not to pass; as the circumstances of the case, are not, in their opinion, sufficiently conclusive to warrant such action; and, a precedent would

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thereby be established, which, they believe, would be likely to operate, ultimately, more to the injury than to the benefit of the public interests.

In accordance with these views, the Committee offer, and recommend the passage of, the accompanying Order. All of which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee, George Eaton.

Ordered: That the salary of Miss Caroline E. Johnson, in consideration of her having had nine years' experience as a teacher, in important positions elsewhere, and, of the success with which she has taught in the Franklin School since March last, be, from the date of her appointment, Three Hundred Dollars.- or, the same she would receive, had she previously served one year in the employment of the City.

This Order was amended, by substituting $350. in place of $300.,- and then adopted.

Upon nomination by Dr. Thorndike, Assistant Teachers were appointed in the Chapman and Lyman Schools, as follows: Chapman School, (Boys department.) Wm. F. Jenks, Master. Sarah J. D. Fay, Jane E. Gilbert, and Adeline E. Clapp, Assistants. L. H. Woodward, Music Teacher. (Girls department.) Lucy A. Wiggin, Sarah J. Chamberlain,

Chapman School Teachers appt'd.

and Louiza A. H. Winnek, Assistants. Sept. 13. 1853.
L. H. Southard, Music Teacher. Lyman
School (Boys' department) James S. Black- Lyman
ington, Usher. Mary C. Bulfinch, Almira G. School.
Smith, and Mary A. Turner, Assistants. Teachers ap-
L. H. Southard, Music Teacher. (Girls' depart- pointed.
ment.) Mary P. Moulton, Jane M. Hight,
Emeline French, Mary E. Melvin, Cordelia
Lothrop, and Eliza A. Wiggin, Assistants.
L. H. Southard, Music Teacher.

Mary Taylor was con- Brimmer Sch.
firmed as Assistant Teacher in the Brim- Teacher app.ted
mer School.

Mr. Randall moved Simonds, of
that Miss Simonds, of the Quincy School, receive Quincy School.
$350. from the commencement of the present
school year.

Voted to refer the subject to the
Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Voted: That the Sub- Sub Com-
Committees who have not presented their mittees to make
quarterly Reports due in August last, be their quarterly
requested to make them at the next quarter- Reports
ly meeting. Voted: That the Secretary notify
said Committees of the above vote.

Dr. Greene moved that

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the Bowdoin School be organized on the Third Plan of the Boston Schools. Voted to lay the motion on the table.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest:

Barnard Capen
Secretary.

Nov. 1st, 1853

An adjourned and quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, the first day of November, 1853, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present

His Honor the Mayor, and the whole Board except Messrs Hazelton, Winslow, Dexter and Porter. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair. The Board having been called to order, the Records of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary.

Quarterly Reports due in August presented.

Quarterly Reports due in August last, were presented of the following Schools, viz the Eng. High, Chapman, Franklin, Hawthorn and Phillips.

The regular quarterly Reports on the examination and condition of all the Schools were presented by the respective Sub Committees. — Nov. 1st, 1853. Quarterly Reports.

On motion of Mr. Skinner, Ordered: That Miss R. P. Barry be appointed Head-Assistant in the Johnson School. — Johnson Sch. Head-Assistant.

On the nomination by Mr. Randall, Mr. Charles Butler was appointed Teacher of Music in the Quincy School; and, by Dr. Russell, Mr. L. H. Southard was appointed Teacher of Music in the Normal School. — Quincy School Music Teacher. Normal School Music Teacher.

Assistant Teachers were appointed as follows; viz., Miss Georgianna Watts in the Hawes School; and Rebecca M. Harris in the Bigelow School. — Hawes School Teacher appointed. Bigelow School Ditto

Assistant Teachers were nominated as follows; viz., Sarah J. Jones in the Eliot School, and Caroline L. Tyler in the Dwight School for Boys. — Eliot & Dwight Schools nominated.

Mr. Bates, Chairman of the Committee to make the Annual Examinations, presented the Report of said Committee — City Doc. No. 65, — which was accepted. — Annual Report of Examination of Schools.

Mr. Leonard offered

Nov. 1st, 1853. Eliot School Outline Maps.

the following Order which was adopted:- Ordered, That a set of Outline Maps, such as are used in the Grammar Schools, be furnished to Eliot School, under the direction of the Sub-Committee.

Lyman School: Blackinton. Sub-Master

In Board the following: - Ordered, That Mr. James F. Blackinton be promoted to the office of Sub-Master in the Lyman School. Referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Winslow, Rev. H. - resigns on the Board

The resignation of Rev. Hubbard Winslow as a member of this Board from Ward 4, was communicated and accepted.

Annual Report - 12,000 copies to be printed

The following Order was laid upon the table, and afterwards taken up and adopted: Ordered, That the usual number, twelve thousand copies of the Annual Report, be printed for distribution.

Salaries of Teachers

The Report on the Salaries of Teachers (City Doc. No. 54) laid upon the table at the previous meeting, was taken up, and the Orders were read, as follows:

Ordered, That, from the first day of March next the Salary of the Masters now in service in the Grammar Schools, be at the rate of Eighteen Hundred Dollars

per annum; and that the Salary of the Grammar Masters who may be hereafter elected for the first time, shall be Fifteen Hundred Dollars for the first year's service, and shall increase One Hundred Dollars per annum thereafter, until it shall reach the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars. Nov. 1st. 1853. Salaries of Teachers

Ordered, That from the first day of March next, the Salary of the Sub-Masters now in service in the Grammar Schools, be at the rate of Twelve Hundred Dollars; and that the Salary of those who shall hereafter be elected Sub-Masters in the Grammar Schools for the first time, shall be One Thousand Dollars for the first years service, and shall increase One Hundred Dollars per annum thereafter, until it shall reach the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars.

Ordered: That from the first day of March next, the Salary of the Ushers now in service in the Grammar Schools be at the rate of Nine Hundred Dollars per annum; and that the Salary of those who shall hereafter be elected Ushers in the Grammar Schools for the first time, shall be Seven Hundred Dollars for the first years service, and shall increase One Hundred Dollars per annum thereafter until it shall reach the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars.

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Ordered: That from the first day of September next, the Salary of the Master of the Normal School shall be at the rate of Two Thousand Dollars per annum.

Ordered: That from the first day of March next, the Salary of the Head Assistants in the Grammar Schools, be at the rate of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars per annum.

Ordered, That the Salary of the Female Assistants in the Grammar Schools be, from the first day of March next, at the rate of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the first years service, Three Hundred Dollars for the second, Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the third, and Four Hundred Dollars for the fourth and succeeding years.

Salaries. Simonds's Amendment

The amendment offered by Mr. Simonds as a substitute for the Orders recommended in the Report, was also taken from the table and read, as follows:

Ordered: That the Salary of the Master of the Normal School for the current School year, be Eighteen Hundred Dollars.

Ordered, That the Salaries of the Masters, Sub Masters, Mistress and Female Assistants, in the Latin, English High, and the Grammar Schools, and of the Assistants in the Normal School, for the current School-

year, be the same as for the last year. Nov. 1st, 1853.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was Voted, That from and after the first of March next, the salary of each of the Sub-Masters of the Latin and the English High School shall be Eighteen hundred dollars per annum; and that the salary of any Sub-Master who may hereafter be elected for the first time shall be Fifteen hundred dollars for the first year's service, and shall increase One hundred dollars per annum thereafter until it shall reach the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars. Latin & Eng. High Schools. Salaries of Sub-Masters.

Voted, That from and after the first day of March next, the salary of each of the Ushers of the Latin and the English High School shall be, when elected for the first time, One thousand dollars for the first year's service, and shall increase One hundred dollars per annum thereafter until it shall reach the sum of Twelve hundred dollars; (vide page 388) and that this rule shall be applied to the present Ushers of these Schools, according to the number of years for which they have been in the service of the City. Salaries of Ushers in Latin & Eng. High Schools. (Vide page 388.) (Amended. Nov. 7th.)

On motion of Dr. Russell it was Voted, That the salary of the Master of the Normal School be at the rate of Twenty- Normal Sch. Salary of Master.

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four hundred dollars per annum commencing Sept. 1st, 1853.

Mr. Emerson then offered the following amendments to the substitute proposed by Mr. Simonds:-

Salaries of Teachers. Emerson's amendments.

Ordered: That the Salaries of the several Instructors of the Schools under the immediate supervision of this Board, for the current year be as follows:-

Principal Masters of the Latin and English High Schools, Twenty four hundred dollars per year each. Sub-Masters of the Latin and English High Schools, Sixteen hundred dollars per year each. Ushers of the Latin and English High Schools, Twelve hundred dollars per year each. Principal Masters of the Grammar and Writing Schools, Sixteen hundred dollars per year each. Sub-Masters in the Grammar Schools, One Thousand dollars per year each. Ushers in the Grammar and Writing Schools, Eight hundred dollars per year each.

The head or first female Assistant Teachers in the Grammar and Writing Schools wherein there is no Usher, Four hundred dollars per year each.

Female Assistant Teachers other those above provided for, Three hundred and fifty dollars per year each. Principal Master of the Normal School, Two thousand dollars per year.

First female Assistant Teacher in the Nor-

mal School, Five hundred dollars: and all other female Assistant Teachers in this School, Four hundred dollars per year each. Master of the Smith School, Sixteen hundred dollars per year; and any other Assistant-Teacher that may be required, Three hundred and fifty dollars each. Nov. 1st. 1853 Salaries.

These amendments were adopted; consequently the substitute offered by Mr. Simonds was rejected.

Dr. Clarke then offered the following amendment to the Order offered by Mr. Emerson: viz., That the Masters of the Grammar Schools shall receive Eighteen hundred dollars per annum. Dr. Clarke's amendment.

Upon this, Mr. Simonds called for the yeas and nays. The following gentlemen voted yea: viz., the President of the Common Council, and Messrs. Greene, Lothrop, Norcross, Stevenson, Abbot, Russell, Bates, Clarke, Keep, Skinner, Randall, King and Eaton. Yeas 8 nays.

The following gentlemen voted nay; viz., Messrs. Leonard, Thorndike, Kent, Emerson, Adams and Simonds. Yeas fourteen, Nays six; and the amendment was adopted.

The question then being upon the Order offered by Mr. Emerson - as amended, they were not adopted. Emerson's amendment not adopted.

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Orders offered by Com.ee on Salaries, adopted.

The Orders as presented in the Report of the Committee on Salaries (see pages 379-80) then came up for action;— the Order fixing the salary of the Master of the Normal School having been amended by substituting the Order offered by Dr. Russell; viz. That the salary of the Master of the Normal School be at the rate of Twenty four hundred dollars per annum, commencing Sept. 1st, 1853— and they were adopted.

Bigelow Sch. Head-Assist.t

Mr. Simonds offered the following: Ordered, That Miss Julia M. Baxter be appointed Head Assistant in the Bigelow School — commencing the first of Sept. last.— Referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Emerson, Voted to adjourn to Friday next at 4 o'clock P.M. (afterwards reconsidered)

Bowdoin school

The Order for the organization of the Bowdoin School — laid upon the table at the last meeting— was taken up: and, thereupon, it was Ordered: That, from this date, the Bowdoin School be organized on the Third Plan of the Boston Grammar Schools.

The vote to adjourn to adjourn to Friday next was reconsidered; and

it was then Voted: That the Board adjourn Nov. 12th, 1853.
to Monday next at 4 P.M. and that a con- Convention
vention be proposed with the Board of May- proposed, to
or and Aldermen to fill vacancies occasioned fill vacancies
by the resignation of Rev. Edward Cooke in
Ward One, and of Rev. Hubbard Winslow in
Ward Four.

On motion of Dr. Loth- Salaries
rop, it was Ordered: That, till the first of fixed till
March next, the salaries of all the teachers March next.
in the Public Schools for the current year be
the same as for the last year.

Memorials signed Memorials
respectively by Rev. Samuel Barrett and one respecting
hundred and thirteen others, Josiah Quincy James
and twenty four others, Edwin H. Hall and Robinson.
eighty six others, relative to the continuance
of Mr. James Robinson in the service of the
Public Schools, were read and laid upon the
table.

No quorum being present, the Board then
adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

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An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at City Hall, on Monday, the seventh day of November, 1853.

Present,

His Honor the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, and Messrs. Leonard, Hayden, Greene, Lothrop, Emerson, Nourse, Abbot, Adams, Bates, Keep, Skinner, Eaton, and Tuttle. Absent,

Messrs. Thorndike, Kent, Stevenson, Russell, Clarke, Randall, King, Dexter, and Simonds. The President of the Common Council in the Chair.

The records of the previous meeting having been read by the Secretary, it was

Convention to fill vacancies

Voted, To notify the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that a quorum is present, and that this Board is ready to join them in Convention, in accordance with the vote passed at the last meeting.

Thereupon, the Convention was held. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair. The Chairman appointed a Committee to collect, sort, and count the votes; when it appeared that the Convention had made choice of Rev. G. F. Cox to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. Edward Cooke in Ward One, and of Dr. Nath'l B. Shurtleff to fill the vacancy

Rev. G. F. Cox in Ward One. Dr. N. B. Shurtleff in Ward Four

occasioned by the resignation of Rob. Hubbard Winslow in Ward Four. The Chairman declared the result announced the Convention, as the object for which it had met, had been accomplished. The President of the Common Council then resumed the Chair. Nov. 7. 1853.

On motion of Mr. Vrooman, Ordered: That, after the first of March next, the salaries of the Music Teachers shall be One hundred and twenty five dollars per annum; this sum to include the consideration for the use of a piano-forte - which instrument each teacher shall provide, himself. Music Teachers Salaries.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Board reconsidered the vote of the previous meeting fixing the salaries of the Ushers in the Latin and English High Schools. (vide page 382) The Order was then amended by substituting the sum of "Fifteen hundred dollars" for that of "Twelve hundred." The Order as amended was then adopted. Ushers in Latin & English High Schools: Salaries of.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction reported recommending the passage of the order referred to them at the previous meeting, - "That Mr. James F. Blackinton be promoted to the office of Sub Master in the Lyman School" - the promotion to take effect on the first day of December next. Lyman School. Blackinton made Sub-Master.

The Report was adopted.

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Mr. Emerson offered the following Orders:-

James Robinson appointed Teacher in Bowdoin Sch.

Ordered: That Mr. James Robinson be appointed Assistant Teacher of Arithmetic in the Bowdoin School - his duties therein being to attend to such lessons as the Master and Sub-Committee may find advantageous to the School - his services not to exceed one hour in a day. Ordered: That the salary of James Robinson be at the rate of Six hundred dollars per year, commencing with the current quarter. Amended by striking out "his services not to exceed one hour in a day." The Orders as amended were then adopted.

Chairman to adjourn meetings when no quorum is present &c-

Dr. Adams offered the following:- Ordered: That the Chairman be authorized to adjourn every meeting of this Board, at which a quorum is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for the meeting to be held; and that this Order be printed at the bottom of the notices calling meetings of this Board. Laid upon the table.

Bigelow School: Miss Baxter made Head Assistant.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction reported recommending the passage of the Order referred to them at the previous meeting:- That Miss Julia M. Baxter be appointed Head Assistant in the Bigelow School: withe amend-

ment that it do not take effect till the first of December next. Adopted.

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On motion of Mr. Bates, Ordered: That, from and after the first of March next, the salaries of the First and Second head-Assistants in the Normal School be as at present allowed; and that the salaries of all other Assistant Teachers in this School, be at the rate of Four hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Normal School. Salaries of Assistant Teachers in.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom was referred, in August last, a communication from Mr. W. N. Bartholomew, asking the attention of the Board to a series of Drawing Lessons of which he is the author, and which he desires to have introduced as a text-book, into the Public Schools, and offering his services to the Board as a teacher of Drawing, for such compensation as the Board may think proper to propose, have duly considered the same, and beg leave to present the following Report:

Committee on Temporary Inst'n. Report on W. N. Bartholomew's petition in relation to Drawing.

Drawing is already taught in some of the Schools, but in none with the thoroughness and attention which its importance demands; and in some, not at all.

Whenever instruction in this branch is given, it is believed to be chiefly if not wholly confined to the pupils of the first classes; so that

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ordinarily, very little real progress can be made in it, owing to the limited time that can be devoted to it in consequence of the urgent claims of other and more important studies. And this must continue to be the case, to a greater or less degree, until some regular system is adopted which shall lead to greater thoroughness of instruction and provide for its earlier introduction amongst the regular pursuits of the school. The practice of Drawing should, the Committee are fully persuaded, be commenced early and pursued systematically for two or three years at least, in order to the attainment of really valuable results.

But it will at once be seen that if this were to be done by special instruction, the expensiveness of it would be an almost insuperable objection. The only mode, it seems to us, by which it can be done with efficiency and economy, is, to provide that instruction in Drawing shall be given to each class by its teacher. But, as ability to teach Drawing is not now looked upon as one of the qualifications for the office of teacher, and it is presumed very few possess it, until some change in this respect takes place, we see no way in which the study of Drawing can be successfully pursued in our Schools.

Learning to draw, and learning to write, should

be commenced at the same time: and our teach- Nov. 7. 1853.
ers should be as well and as generally qualified
to give instruction in the one as in the other.
Until this is the case, it will be in vain to
hope that much will done in this department,
to any very great purpose. Time, therefore, is need-
ed to effect the desired change; and it is only by
making an acquaintance with the art of Drawing, one
of the ordinary qualifications of those who propose to
teach, and by the gradual introduction of such
teachers into our Schools, that this change can
be effected. But, as Drawing is now taught
with great thoroughness to the pupils of the Nor-
mal School, and with a special reference to the
wants of the Grammar Schools, it is not unreas-
onable to expect that, from this source, a supply
of teachers will, in a short time, be furnished,
whose presence in our Schools will work the de-
sired revolution in this branch of study.

But, though satisfied that we must look
to the plan above indicated as the only one
at all adequate to the purpose, the Commit-
tee are satisfied that even under present
circumstances, more attention may be profit-
ably given to the subject; and that even
with the instruction confined chiefly to the
first classes, something may be done un-
der the guidance of an able teacher.
They have been led to this conclusion the more

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readily from the evidence furnished them of the progress made by those pupils in our schools, who, last year, received instruction in this art from Mr. Bartholemew.

Mr. Bartholemew asks to be employed as an instructor of Drawing in our Schools. During the last year, he taught gratuitously in two or three of the Schools, and with very marked success. The testimonials he has presented from the Masters of those Schools as to the value of his services, are most highly commendatory; and these, with like certificates from other reliable Sources, together with the impressions made upon the minds of the Committee by personal interviews, have led to the conviction that he is a teacher of more than ordinary merit, and capable of doing much, if opportunity is afforded, to advance, in our Schools, that branch of Study to which he is himself so ardently devoted.

With these views, the Committee would be glad to recommend the employment of Mr. Bartholemew as a teacher of Drawing, were it not that the appropriations for the present year do not admit of any unusual expenditure on the part of this Board. Under these circumstances the Committee are not prepared to present any Order for the action of this body in relation to the subject under consideration;

and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Nov. 7. 1853.

In relation to the text-book for Drawing, though very favorably impressed with its merits, the Committee have not thought it properly belonged to them to consider its claims for an introduction with the list of text-books for our Schools; and respectfully suggest that it be refered to the Committee on Books.

For the Committee: Geo. Eaton.

The Report was accepted.

Committee on Temporary Instruction: Report in relation to Grammar School in Channing St.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was refered (July 1st.) the Order of the City Council "That the sum of Five hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grammar School Committee for the purpose of aiding Mr. Eliot to continue the Charity School established by him in Channing Street; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the Reserved Fund," beg leave respectfully to Report:

That they have visited the School in Channing Street. They found the School smaller at this season than it was before the Summer vacation. The pupils appeared happy; their teacher very energetic; and, so far as the Committee could judge, well suited for the situation she occupies.

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The Committee feel that great credit is due to Mr. Eliot for the personal attention he has given to this School, and also for the large expenditure he and his friends have made on this experiment.

The Committee regret to learn from Mr. Eliot's letter, that he considers his work done; and desires to have the City adopt this School.

Your Committee would hold this School, properly managed, in high estimation as a channel of private charity. The evidence is satisfactory that good has been done to a class of children who would not, otherwise, have been reached, or their necessities known.

Your Committee are unanimous in their opinion that it is wholly inexpedient to adopt any new description of Schools into our present School System. Our Latin, High, Normal, Grammar, Intermediate, and Primary Schools, are believed to be amply sufficient for the instruction of all those who need or desire to be taught.

Your Committee feel that, if Ragged Schools are adopted at all, they must be made equal for all parts of the city, - which would necessarily require a large number of Schools; and, even then, they believe that, as soon as the physical wants of these children are provided for, it would be better for them to enter the

Primary Schools, than to remain six months in the Ragged Schools. Nov. 7. 1853.

Your Committee are fully sensible that there are many children who ought to be in our Primary Schools, who are not there: some, because their parents do not care to have them go; others, because they have not decent clothes to wear; and some who have neither clothes nor food.

Your Committee would express the opinion that the duty required to be performed for the relief of these juvenile unfortunates, appears to be very analogous to, if not precisely the same as, the "Truant Officers" are expected to perform.

In the one case the children have already been admitted to the privileges of our school system; in the other, not. The wants and dangers of each are similar.

Should the City Council, in their wisdom, place the "Truant Officers" under the control of the School Committee, it would be entirely practicable, in the opinion of this Committee, for such officers to seek out these destitute children, and make their wants known to some of our many Benevolent Societies, who would gladly supply them, and lead them directly to the Primary School. If the destitution should be found to be too great for private charity, the next best thing to be done would be to send the unfortunates to the city institutions - where food, clothes, and instruc-

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tion are systematically provided.

The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Order:

Voted: That the sum of Five hundred dollars placed at the disposal of the Grammar School Committee, by the City Council, for the purpose of aiding Mr. Eliot to continue the Charity School established by him in Channing Street, be placed at his disposal as a donation in aid of said School. For the Committee: N. C. Keep.

The above Order was adopted.

There being, then, no further business, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen: Secretary.

Dec. 29th, 1853.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at City Hall, on Thursday the twenty-ninth day of December, 1853. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

Present:

Messrs. Cox, Leonard, Greene, Shuttleff, Emerson, Norcross, Stevenson, Abbot, Adams, Russell, Bates, Keep, and Dexter.

Absent:

The President of the Common Council, and Messrs. Thorndike, Kent, Hazelton, Lothrop, Clarke, Skinner, Randall, King, Eaton, Simonds and Porter.

Sup't of Schools: Annual Report.

The Records of the previous meeting having been read, the Superintendent of Public Schools read an abstract of his Third Annual Report.

Voted: That the Report be laid upon the table, and that the usual number of copies be printed.

High School for Girls: Rep't of Committee on:-

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred a petition praying for the establishment of a High School for Girls, was presented by Mr. Stevenson - Chairman of the Committee. Voted: That the Report be accepted: that it be published in the newspapers, and printed for the use of the City Government.

The same Committee

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recommended that the expediency of consolidating the Grammar Schools in South Boston, and of establishing a new school in that portion of the city, be referred to the next Committee. The Report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

A Report (City Doct 77)

Prim. School Teachers: Salaries, - Subject refered to next Board.

in relation to the salaries of the Primary School Teachers - refered to this Board by the City Council; and a communication from the Primary School Committee, relating to the same subject, were also refered to the next Board.

Comm.ee on Com. with Prim. School Board.

Mr. Bates - Chairman of the Committee of Conference with the Primary School Board, made a verbal report; and moved that the subject refered to that Committee, be refered to the next Board. The report was accepted, and the motion adopted.

City Physician: Communication from:

Mr. Norcross, of the special Committee to whom was refered the communication of Dr. Henry G. Clarke - City Physician - moved that the subject be refered to the next Board. The motion was adopted.

Pronunciation of French in Latin & Normal Schools.

Dr. Russell offered the following Order: Ordered: That the Sub Committees of the Latin and the Normal School be authorized to em-

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ject a teacher of the pronunciation of the French language: at a salary not to exceed One hundred dollars per year for each school taught. Refered to the next Board.

Teachers confirmed Vans, & A. A Johnson in Franklin Sch. C. C. Johnson, Normal Sch. F. R. Richardson Eliot School.

Helen E. Vans was confirmed as Assis.t Teacher in the Franklin School,- she having been transferred from the Johnson School. Aby F. Johnson was confirmed as Assis.t Teacher in the Franklin School: with full salary dating from Sept. 8th, 1853. Caroline C. Johnson was confirmed as Assis.t Teacher in the Normal School, and Fanny R. Richardson, as Assis.t Teacher in the Eliot School.

Teachers nominated - M. A. Proctor Bowdoin School. A. E. Dyke in Eliot School E. M. Bradbury & A. A. Brigham, Franklin Sch.

Mary A. Proctor was nominated as Assis.t Teacher in the Bowdoin School; and Anna E. Dyke, in the Eliot School;- Services (of both) commencing Dec. 1st, 1853. Elizabeth M. Bradbury - commencing Sept. 28th, 1853,- and Angelina A. Brigham - commencing Oct. 27th, 1853,- were nominated as Assis.t Teachers in the Franklin School.

Bullion's Grammar.

An order offered by Dr. Adams, relating to Bullion's Smaller Grammar, was lost.

Thanks to Chairman.

Mr. Emerson offered the following,- Resolved: That we tender our thanks to His Honor the Mayor, for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over our meetings; also, for the in-

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deest which he has manifested in the Public Schools, and the services which he has cheerfully rendered to promote their progress and usefulness. Read, and unanimously adopted. His Honor the Mayor then made an appropriate reply, and the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen. Secretary.

Medals awarded to Boys.

1853.

Latin

James J. Lowell
William N. Eayrs
Joseph A. Hale
George Whittemore
Augustus A. Hayes
Horace N. Fisher

Eng. High

Enoch P. Dennis
George H. Peirce
John S. Foster
Henry C. Richards
Gorham E. Hubbard
Daniel W. Southard

Boylston

John F. Donovan
William McCarty
Frederick E. Dolbeare

Brimmer

Daniel Goodnow Jr.
William P. Lincoln
Charles J. Prescott
Edward F. Hall
John R. Fairbanks
Thomas A. Taylor
Francis E. Bundy
Edwin F. Robbins
Charles J. Page

Chapman

George A. Lovejoy
J. Howard Plumley
Charles H. Parker
Henry G. Sturtevant
Isaac H. Carver

Dwight

Charles Sawyer
George H. Brown
Ira Ayers Jr.
John H. Jackson
Albert Day Jr.
Charles H. Davis
George B. Ford

Eliot

Eben F. Gay Jr.
Edward L. Grueby
Henry Kinnegan Jr.
James A. Lawler
Albert C. Pond
Alonzo E. Painter
Charles A. Vialle
Charles D. Waterman
Louis W. Williams

— Haverhill —

Ezra K. Smith
Nathan F. Tilden
James M. Johnston
Geo. H. Southard
Samuel B. Conley
John J. Coghlan

— Lyman —

Herbert Magoun
Junius H. Hill
William H. Viney
Phineas M. Crane
William A. Fox

— Mather —

S. J. Carney
William H. Storey
James B. Hammond
Samuel F. Hay
Benjamin F. Pray

— Mayhew —

Charles H. Shapleigh
George H. Binney
James Donaldson Long
John Morgan Whittier
William Penn Spanell
Eug. Ware Bowen
Dan. Kingsbury Ford
Geo. Washington Felt
George Henry Cheever

— Phillips —

Russell D. Eustis
George H. Haven
Edwin F. Bowker
John Pratt
William F. Guardenier
George P. Steele
George A. Tull

— Quincy —

Charles H. Bingham
Joseph H. Capen
Charles Edw. Cram
Robert J. Cowdin
Wm. Lloyd Garrison Jr.
Francis H. Kelley
Sidney Manley
William W. Talbey
Berry Russell
Henry L. Shaw
Joseph A. Sprague
George H. Stevens
Frank Stanwood.

Medals awarded to Girls

1853.

Bigelow

Eunice F. Wheeler
Elizabeth B. Kent
Caroline A. Mann
Helen A. Thurston
Elizabeth M. Fish
Mary V. Dillaway
Mary A. Hale
Catharine E. Timmins.

Bowdoin

Mary E. Emery
Agnes E. Hooton
Sarah C. Sanderson
Sarah J. Coverly
Mary L. Glover
Mary F. Danforth
Elizabeth D. Kidder
Gertrude Taylor
Charlotte F. Capen
Hellen L. Mellen

Boylston

Elizabeth R. Grafton
Mary A. Dugan
Mary H. F. Brewer
Eliza R. Cook.

Chapman

Huldah H. Mitchell
Helen A. Banks
Jane D. Cole
Lucy J. Crosby

Dwight

Susan E. Green
Emily A. Champney
Annie M. Talbot
Lydia A. Curtin

Franklin

Frances E. Messinger
Mary L. Tinkham
Rhoda A. Hildreth
Adeline B. White
Mary L. Whitney
Elvira E. Fisher
Agnes Duncan
Annah J. Cushing

Hancock

Cordelia Atwood
Mary E. Dyke
Mary O. Eaton
Susan M. Goddard
Helen M. Hitchings
Lucy C. Howard
Jennie Leys.

Susan E. B. Lincoln
Sarah E. Cazneau
Susan F. Estes
Caroline H. Saunders
Harriette M. Pepper
Thankful S. Shute.

— Johnson —

Marcella C. Halliday
Frances A. Nelson
Caroline C. Newell
Fanny H. Holmes
Rosamond C. Meek
Sarah S. Spear
Margaret S. Knight
Juliette Tolson.

— Lyman —

Sarah Frances Wiggin
Hannah F. Crafts
Amy K. Prentiss
Mary J. Prentiss
Susan A. Newton
Isabella A. Bilby
Anna A. Gould

— Walker —

K. S. Dillaway
Kate R. Gunn
Eliza A. Powers
E. J. Nugent
Lucie Peeler

— Smith —

Julia Ann J. Scott
Cecelia Thompson.

— Wells —

Mary A. J. Hayden
G. E. Spinell
M. C. Roulstone
Lucy E. Towne
S. J. Richardson
Alice M. Gilman
Julia A. Calef
A. P. Hazelton
S. P. Cunningham.

— Winthrop —

Annie M. J. Smith
Abby M. Mills
Hannah M. Rich
Emily Robbins
Caroline E. Burrill
Urania H. Huff
Annie R. Pratt

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, on Thursday, the nineteenth day of January, A.D. 1854. Jan. 19. 1854.

The following gentlemen constitute the Board of School Committee for the present year.

School Committee. 1854.

Hon. J. V. C. Smith, Mayor, Chairman.
Alex.r H. Rice, President of Com. Council.

Ward No. 1.	Gershom J. Cox,	Arthur B. Fuller.
2.	Wm. H. Thorndike,	James N. Sykes.
3.	J. Proctor Haskins,	Daniel P. Simpson.
4.	Samuel K. Lothrop,	Nath.l B. Shurtleff.
5.	Loring Lincoln,	William Howe.
6.	J. Thomas Stevenson,	John Lowell.
7.	Zabdiel B. Adams,	Le Baron Russell.
8.	Samuel W. Bates,	Baron Stow.
9.	Nathan C. Keep,	Otis A. Skinner.
10.	Geo. M. Randall,	Marcus T. Robinson.
11.	William Lincoln,	Luther Parks jr.
12.	John S. H. Fogg,	Henry A. Drake.

All the above named gentlemen were present, except Messrs. Simpson, Bates, and Skinner.

The Board was called to order by the Mayor, who is Chairman, ex officio.

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Secretary chosen.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Secretary; and Messrs. Keep, and Shuttleff were appointed to receive and report the votes, who, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of votes was fifteen, all of which were for Barnard Eaton - who was accordingly elected.

Rules & Regulations

Voted to adopt the Rules and Regulations of the last Board, for the government of this Board until otherwise ordered.

Sub-Committees.

The following Sub-committees were announced by the Chair, and subsequently confirmed by the Board: viz,

on the Latin School - The Mayor, and Messrs. Stevenson, Russell, Shuttleff, and Parks.

English High - Gothrop, Randall, Bates, Adams, and Keep.

On the Normal - Messrs. Russell, Thorndike, and Norcross.

Bigelow -	Messrs. Drake,	Bowdoin -	Messrs. Lowell,
	Adams,		Shuttleff,
	Fogg.		Stevenson.
Boylston -	Messrs. Adams,	Brimmer -	Messrs. Keep,
	Skinner,		Robinson,
	Parkman.		Skinner.
Chapman -	Messrs. Thorndike,	Dwight -	Messrs. Lincoln,
	Sykes,		Robinson,
	Cox.		Parks.

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Eliot. Messrs. Fuller,
Cox,
Sykes.

Hancock. Messrs. Cox,
Norcross,
Fuller.

Johnson. Messrs. Skinner,
Keep,
Shurtleff.

Mather. Messrs. Fogg,
Robinson,
Drake.

Phillips. Messrs. Howe,
Stevenson,
Haskins.

Smith. Messrs. Haskins,
Howe,
Simpson.

Wells. Messrs. Norcross,
Howe,
Simpson.

Franklin. Messrs. Parks,
Bates,
Lincoln.

Hawes. Messrs. Parkman,
Drake,
Fogg.

Lyman. Messrs. Sykes,
Thomdike,
Fuller.

Hayden. Messrs. Simpson,
Haskins,
Lowell.

Quincy. Messrs. Randall,
Parkman,
Robinson.

Winthrop. Messrs. Bates,
Parkman,
Russell.

Committee on Books. Messrs. Adams, Skinner, Russell, Randall and Parks. Committee of Conference with Primary School Committee, Messrs. Norcross, Stevenson and Bates. On the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School Houses, Messrs. Shurtleff, Sykes, and Fogg. On Temporary Instruction. Stevenson, Keep and Drake. On Accounts. Messrs. Lowell, Lincoln and Robinson.

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Rev. C. F. Skinner. letter from.

The Chair read a letter from Rev. C. F. Skinner, stating that he was detained from the meeting by sickness.

Com^ee on Prim. School Committee, & Salaries of Prim. School Teachers

On motion of Mr. Norcross,

Ordered: That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate to this Board a suitable number of gentlemen whose duty it shall be to provide instruction for children between four and eight years of age by means of Primary Schools. Ordered: That the subject of the Salaries of the Primary School Teachers - which was referred to this Board by the School-Committee of last year, together with the documents from the City Council and the Primary School Board, on the same subject, be also referred to the same Committee.

The Chair appointed, for that Committee, Messrs. Norcross, Stevenson and Bates.

Salary of Secretary.

Voted, That the salary of the Secretary be the same as for the last year.

High School for Girls.

The subject of a High School for Girls - referred from the last Board - was laid upon the table.

Remonst^ce of Boston.

Voted, To refer the subject of the condition and wants of the Gram-

man School at South Boston, to the Sub-committees on those Schools. — Jan. 19. 1854.

The communication from the city Physician - Dr. H. G. Clarke - made to the School Committee in July last - was read and referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs. Lothrop, Stowe, Stevenson, Fuller and Adams. — Communication from City Physician referred.

The Order offered Dec. 29th, and referred to this Board, to provide for the teaching of the pronunciation of the French language in the Latin and Normal Schools, was lost. — Latin & Normal Schools. Pronunciation of French in.

The order offered by Dr. Adams - laid upon the table, Nov. 7th, 1853 - to authorize the Chairman to adjourn meetings of this Board when a quorum is not present - &c. &c., was taken up, and, after a short discussion, was again laid upon the table. — Chairman to adjourn meetings &c. &c. - Lost.

On motion of Mr. Randall, Messrs. Randall, Rice and Norcross, were appointed a committee to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of this Board. — Com^e on Rules & Regulations

On motion of Dr. Adams, Voted: That the Secretary insert in the notices calling the quarterly meeting of the Board in February, the provision requiring Sub-com- — Annual Exposes of Schools. Secy to notify &c.

Jan. 19. 1854. mittees to submit estimates of the expenses of their respective Schools.

Sewing in Grammar Schools Com^ee on:-

On motion of Mr. Stevenson,
Ordered: That Messrs. Stevenson, Lothrop and Norcross be a Committee to inquire into and report upon, the expediency of requiring Sewing to be taught in all the Grammar Schools for girls.

Chapman Sch. H. Girls vacancy in Mastership of:-

Sec'y to advertise for application

It having been announced that a vacancy existed in the Mastership of the Chapman School for Girls, occasioned by the death of Mr. John F. Vinal, Voted: That the Secretary be directed to give public notice of the proposed election, in accordance with the Rules of the Board: and, that applications be received until Tuesday, the 24th inst.

J. F. Vinal. Resolutions on death of:-

The following Resolutions offered by Mr. Randall, were adopted,-

It having pleased Almighty God to remove, from this life, Mr. John F. Vinal, Master of the Chapman School for Girls,

Resolved, as the sense of this Board, that, in the death of Mr. Vinal, this city has lost an accomplished and successful teacher; whose faithful devotion to the duties of his office, entitle his memory to be held in grateful remembrance.

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Resolved: That this Board deeply sympathize with his afflicted family in this bereavement; and that these Resolutions be entered upon the Records, and a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

Edward Cowen, Sec'y.

Jan. 24. 1854.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th day of January, 1854. Present,

The Chairman and the whole Board, except Messrs. Thorndike, Stowe, and Skinner.

Baron Stowe. resignation of.

The Chair laid a letter from Rev. Baron Stow, resigning his seat as a member of this Board from Ward Eight.

The resignation was accepted. On motion of Mr. Stevenson, Voted: That a message be sent to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, informing them of the vacancy in this Board, and proposing a convention on Monday, the 30th inst., for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

Convention proposed.

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Primary School Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of nominating a suitable number of persons to provide instruction for children between the ages of four and eight years, by means of Primary Schools, reported a list of names for that purpose. The report was accepted, and the persons nominated were elected; as follows.-

William H. Eaton	Nath.l C. Hart	E. H. Snelling
Stephen P. Stockwell	Edward Brehm	Geo. W. Pomeroy
James H. Piper	Tho.s E. Vincent	Sebastian Streeter
Charles Stearns	B. W. Dunklee	Jos. F. White
William H. Adams	John J. Easton	Geo. Hubbard
Henry Brevoort	Tho.s F. Coldicott	Chas A. Turner
Joseph Robbins	Henry L. Dalton	William Eaton
Edward F. Porter	John P. Ober	Harvey Jewell
John H. Hinckley	Chas J. F. Hinman	Hiram G. Wyman
Henry Harlow	T. Restieaux	James Fowle
Marcus B. Leonard	Henry G. Clark	P. F. C. Smith
Charles C. Dyer	T. P. Oliver	Geo. A. Stephenson
Jackson Richardson	Charles E. Wiggin	M. C. Greene
P. A. C. Crane	Elijah Adams	Sam.l G. Damon
John Ruin	Edward B. Moore	Eben. H. Little
Warren H. Woodworth	Lester W. Wiswell	Chas H. Atwood
Lewis W. Clark	Henry D. Fowle	Henry Hunnewell
James V. Sykes	George Kingman	Theo. H. Bell
Ezra Bartlett	Isaiah Dixon	Tho.s Caffield
William E. Smith	Wm H. Leonard Jr.	Chas Brown
William Lyre	E. L. G. Palmer	Hiram Willington

Thomas B. Hawkes	Calvin W. Clark	Samuel Tolman	Jan. 24th. 1854.
Charles F. Eaton	William H. Dennet	William Dall	
William E. Townsend	Josiah F. Bumstead	Oliver Carter	
David Kimball	Sam'l K. Whipple	Chas. Richardson	
James B. Dow	F. R. Marvin	Benj. H. Greene	
Leonni Crosby	F. C. Gardner	Henry W. Lincoln	
Amelias D. Parker	Azor Maynard	Philo Sanford	
Charles Eliot	Daniel F. Coit	Warren Hapgood	
Sam'l G. Bowditch	Thomas Wilder	Alvan Simonds	
James Perkins	F. C. Pinkerton	Steph. C. F. Blackpole	
Francis Minot	J. P. C. Homer	E. H. Brainard	
Ebenezer Boynton Jr.	J. C. Metcalf	Alfred J. Wright	
Henry F. Chase	David Thayer	E. J. F. Tilton	
Andrew Cushing	Edwin Howland	Joseph Smith	
Lorenzo L. Cragin	J. M. Phipps	Solon Jenkins	
E. F. Eastman	William Read	Charles Mead	
Ormond Dutton	Albert L. Lincoln	Thos. Hammond	
Benj. P. Richardson	Thos. A. Goddard	J. D. Richardson	
Alfred E. Giles	Edward Reed	Geo. N. Noyes	
James M. Gordon	George H. Gay	Caleb Gill	
J. F. Clement	Samuel Welch	Stephen Lovell	
Charles Lemand	John B. Alley	Jos. H. Clinch	
Thos. F. Chase	Jos. M. Wightman	Judah Baker	
Fred'k O. Allen	John F. Tingley	Daniel Hall	
Lawyer L. Stone	Otis A. Skinner	N. P. Mann	
Loring Norcross	A. A. Watson	Calvin Damon	
Lester M. Clark	Geo. A. Curtis	Eileen Southard	
Geo. D. Dutton	Thacher Bird	Stephen Jenney	
Oliver Ditson	Horace Dupee	J. L. H. Fogg.	

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John Putnam — Stephen Tilton Jr — R. C. Hodges
Otis Kimball — J. E. Herrick — H. W. Williams
Wm. H. Rice — Hy K. Andrews — Chas. L. Newman
William Hewitt — David Hamblin — Calvin Ellis
Joseph H. Allen — Geo. L. Perkins — John A. Dunforth
Chas. Edw. Cook — J. B. Croft — James A. Fox
Sam'l. Wadsworth — N. C. Stevens — Hy A. Scudder
Geo. F. Williams — Lyman Trumbull — Geo. H. Briggs
James C. Pipin — Andrew J. Lord — C. H. Blake
Daniel P. Goddard

Primary School Committee: Leave of absence for the remainder of the session granted to Mr. Goddard.

Dr. Adams offered the following Resolutions:- 1st, That quarterly returns should be made from the Primary School Committee to this Board, of the general state of their schools, the qualifications of the instructors, the number of children in each school; &c.; and specially of the number of visits and examinations made by each member of the Committee during the preceding quarter; and that the Secretary of this Board record said returns in a book kept for the purpose.

Quarterly returns from:-

Prim. Schools: Supervisor to exercise a supervision over:- 2nd, That the Superintendent of Schools be requested to exercise a more thorough supervision over these schools, than heretofore; more especially for the purpose of ascertaining when any of said schools may be consolidated.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Orders.

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Salaries of Prim.-School Teachers: Report of Committee on:-

The Committee to whom were referred the subject of the salaries of the Primary School Teachers, and the documents relating to the same subject, from the City Council and the Primary School Committee,

Reported:

That, in their opinion, the salaries of the Primary School Teachers should be the same in amount, and based upon the same principle as those of the female assistants of the Grammar Schools; and they refer to city document No. 54- dated Aug. 2nd, 1853. being a report upon the subject of the salaries of the Grammar School Teachers- as containing an argument, made to the Grammar School Board last year, in support of their views on the subject.

In accordance with the recommendations of that report, which was accepted, and the orders adopted, so far as the female teachers are concerned, the Committee offer the following Order for adoption by this Board:-

Ordered: That the salaries of the Primary School Teachers be, from the first day of March next, at the rate of Two hundred and fifty dollars for the first year's service, Three hundred dollars for the second, Three hundred and fifty dollars for the third, and Four hundred dollars for the fourth and succeeding years.

For the Committee,

Loring Lewis.

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The Order was adopted.

Teachers confirmed — Eva M. Hannington, Phillips Sch. A. J. Pitman in Lyman School.

Assistant Teachers were confirmed; viz. Elvira M. Hannington in the Phillips School, and Amelia J. Pitman in the Lyman School.

Chapman Sch. for Girls: Applications for Masterships referred.

On motion of Mr. Sykes, the applications for the office of Master of the Chapman School for girls, together with the accompanying papers, were referred to the appropriate Committee. Mr. Norcross was appointed by the Chair to fill a vacancy existing in that Committee.

The Board then adjourned to Monday next, the 30th inst.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

Jan. 30th, 1854.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at City Hall, on Monday, the 30th day of January, 1854.

Present, the whole Board, except the Mayor and Messrs. Howe, Stevenson, Lowell, Robinson and Fogg.

The President of the Common Council in the Chair

Message to Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Voted, That a message be sent to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, informing them that a quorum is present, and that this Board is ready to join them in convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. Baron Stow from Ward Eight.

Convention held.

The Convention was then held. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

A Committee of three was appointed by the Chair, to collect, sort and count the votes; — when it appeared that the Convention had made choice of Dr. Samuel Parkman.

Dr. Samuel Parkman chosen.

The Chair declared the result and dissolved the Convention, as the object for which it had met had been accomplished.

Suspension of Rules: Contributions to "Statue of Franklin"

Dr. Shurtleff offered a Resolution and an Order for the suspension of the Rules, for the purpose of allowing the pupils of the Public Schools to contribute towards defraying the expense of the Bronze

Jan. 30. 1854 Statue of Franklin. Laid upon the table.

Dr. Thurtleff gave notice that he should call up the Statue at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

Attest:

Edward Capen, Secy.

Feb. 7th. 1854 A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at City Hall, on Tuesday the 7th day of February, A.D. 1854.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except the President of the Common Council.

Quarterly Reports. The quarterly Reports on the condition of all the schools except the Hawes, were read by the respective Sub-Committees, and were accepted by the Board.

Chemical experiments. Eng. High School. Ordered: That Twenty dollars be appropriated for the purchase of materials for chemical experiments in the English High School.

The Committee appointed to

examine candidates for the office of Master of the Chapman School for girls, reported; recommending, unanimously, Mr. Percival P. Bartlett as a man highly qualified to fill that office. The report was accepted.

Feb. 7th, 1854. Masterships of Chapman School for Girls. Report of Com. on Examination of candidates for.

Voted to proceed to the election of Master of the Chapman School for girls.

Election of Master.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Parks and Nevers a committee to collect, sort and count the votes; who announced that Mr. Percival W. Bartlett was duly elected. The Chair then declared the result.

P. W. Bartlett. chosen.

Miss Jane E. Cheney was nominated as Assistant Teacher in the Winthrop School - commencing Dec. 1st, 1853.

Winthrop School J. E. Cheney nominated.

Assistant Teachers were appointed, as follows; Elizabeth M. Bradbury in the Franklin School; term of service to date from the 28th of Sept. 1853; Miss Julia T. Beal in the Chapman School - she having served the usual term of probation.

Teachers appointed E. M. Bradbury Franklin Sch. Julia T. Beal Chapman Sch.

A petition from Mr. N. C. Poor, for a Franklin Medal, to replace one which had been stolen from him, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

N. C. Poor petition for Franklin Medal

A petition signed by thirty-nine-hundred and twenty-seven women of Boston, requesting that Sewing may be

"Sewing": petition for the introduc-

Feb. 7. 1854. Introduced into all the Grammar Schools ad-
dition of, into gill, was presented, and referred to the Com-
Gram. Schools. mittee having that subject in charge.

Lyman School: Mr. Sykes offered the fol-
Sub-Master: lowing order; Ordered: That the Sub-Master of
full salary. the Lyman School be allowed, after the
First of March next, at the rate of Twelve
hundred dollars per annum - that is, the
same with all the other Sub-Masters in the
Grammar Schools. Refered to the Com-
mittee on Temporary Instruction

Primary Schools Mr Randall offered the
E. C. L. Simonds. following order: Ordered: That Miss E. C. Ma-
full pay. ria Simonds, Assistant Teacher in the Quin-
cy School, receive full pay as Assistant in
said School, from the time of her appoint-
ment. Refered to the Committee on Tem-
porary Instruction.

John F. Nourse, Dr. Parks offered the fol-
Gratuity to: lowing order,- Ordered: That, in addition
to the amount already due the late lamented
John F. Nourse, a sum equal to his salary
for one quarter be paid to the family of
the deceased. Refered to the Committee
on Temporary Instruction.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Ordered: That that portion of the Report on the Eliot School, relating to the alteration of the Eliot School-house, be referred to the Committee on the Erection &c. of School-Houses.

Feb. 7th, 1854. Eliot School-House Alteration in-referred.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff the Resolution and Order offered by him at the previous meeting were taken up; the Order was amended, and then adopted, as follows.-

Contributions in aid of a Bronze Statue of Franklin.

Resolved: That this Board cordially approve of the design of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of Benjamin Franklin, in the place of his birth and early education, and where his name has been made peculiarly dear by his munificence towards its most cherished institutions.

Therefore, Ordered: That Sect. 22 of Chap. 1, of the Regulations of the Public Schools be suspended until April 1st, 1854, and that boxes be placed in the Public Schools, under the care of the Masters, for the purpose only of allowing the pupils to contribute their voluntary offerings towards defraying the expense of the Bronze Statue of Franklin, which is to be placed in some conspicuous position in this City, which has preeminently shared in the benefits of the grand results produced by the labors, wisdom and benevolence of

Suspension of Rules.

Feb. 7. 1854. this world-renowned philosopher, Statesman, patriot and philanthropist.

Rules and Regulations. Report of Committee on.

Mr Randall, from the Committee appointed to prepare Rules & Regulations for the government of this Board and the Public Schools reported the Rules of the School Committee and the Regulations of the Public Schools of the last year; with the following amendments. viz. In Sect. 4. Chap. I. of the Rules, after "Primary Schools." insert— "The persons so appointed shall meet on the on the first Tuesday after their appointment, for the purpose of organization; and shall have authority to" regulate &c.— and in the last line, strike out "May," and insert "August."

In the same Chapter, insert a new Section, as follows,-viz, "Sect 5th. They shall nominate and report to this Board the names of the persons whom they desire to have appointed as Teachers."

In the same Chapter, last lines, strike out the word "please", and insert "deem expedient" &c. relating to "the Primary Schools."

In Chap. 4. Sect. 1. insert the following— "he shall notify the persons appointed to take charge of the Primary Schools; and send to that body, at their first meeting, a copy of the Rules and Regulations of this Board

In Sect. 1. Chap. 5. of the Rules, add - "5th. Primary School Teachers." Feb. 7. 1854.

In Sect. 2. Chap. 5. insert - "and the Primary School Teachers shall be elected on the nomination of the Primary School Board." - after the word assistant, insert the words - "or Primary School Teacher,"

In Sect. 36. Chap. 1. of the Regulations, strike out the words - "one day in each year, for the general training when in Boston," and insert the words "Artillery Election;"

In Sect. 11. Chap. 2. the time for commencing the Schools at 8 o'clock is changed from April, to May. (The time for closing the Schools at 5 o'clock remains as before" - the first Monday in April.)

In Sect. 15. Chap. 5. for "fourth class," substitute - "third and fourth classes."-

The Report was accepted and the amendments were adopted. Amendments adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Sub-Committee of the Bowdoin School were authorized to appoint an additional Head-Assistant teacher for said School, - the salary to begin on the first day of March next. Bowdoin Sch. Head-Assistant.

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Appropriations for Public Schools

Ordered: That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to prepare, and submit to the City Council, an estimate of the appropriations required for the Public Schools for the next financial year.

Mather School: organization of:-

Dr. Fogg moved that the Order passed Aug. 12th, 1853, changing the organization of the Mather School be reconsidered; and presented petitions from citizens of South Boston and from pupils in the Mather School, requesting that that school be permitted to remain under its present organization till a new school-house shall have been built. The motion to reconsider was not adopted.

Normal School: plan of study in, three years.

Voted to lay upon the table an amendment to the Regulations, Chap. 4. Sect. 14, to provide that the plan of study in the Normal School be arranged for three years, at the discretion of the Sub-Committee of that School. Dr. Russell gave notice that he should call up the amendment at some future meeting.

Adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

Feb. 24. 1854.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Friday the 24th day of February, A. D. 1854.

Present,

The Chairman, the President of the Common Council, and the whole Board, except Messrs Thorndike, Parkman, Robinson, Lincoln, and Fogg.

Annual Examining Committee.

The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen a Committee to make the Annual Examination of the Grammar Schools viz.- Messrs Russell, Skinner, Norcross, Simpson, Sykes, Mc Kin, Haskins, Parks and Drake

Committee on Sewing: Report.

The special Committee appointed under an order of the 19th January to inquire into the expediency of requiring that Sewing shall be taught in the several Grammar Schools for Girls have considered the subject and

Report:-

That, since their appointment, a petition signed by about four thousand persons asking the same thing has been referred to them.

They believe that the usefulness of the schools would be enhanced by the proposed change, while their efficiency, in respect to other branches of education, would not be impaired by it.

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No female is properly educated, who cannot sew. There is reason to believe that many of the pupils who profit by the advantages held out to them in our public schools are not instructed at home in this necessary art.

It ought not to be neglected. Whatever position is to be occupied by a female, the care of her own attire is a duty.

The change will not interfere with all proper attention to the studies now required. The occupation of an hour or an hour and a half, twice a week, during school hours, in this pursuit, will afford a needed relaxation, using that term in its proper sense.

It is deemed best, upon the introduction, to confine its application to the several fourth classes. After a fair trial in them it can be extended to others, if desirable.

Proper attention to the subject will demand a teacher in each school devoted to it.

As the fourth classes in the several schools differ very much, in point of number, the arrangement of the details, (as to the number of sections into which each class taught shall be divided; as to what hours of the day shall be devoted to the object - &c. &c.), must be entrusted to Sub-Committee of each school.

The Committee unanimously recommend the adoption of the annexed Regulation and Order.

For the Committee
(signed) J. Thos Stevenson.

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Regulations concerning Sewing.

"Instruction shall be given in Sewing to all the pupils in the fourth class in each of the Grammar Schools for Girls. There shall be given to each pupil in those classes two lessons of not less than one hour each, every week.

The Sub-Committee of each such school shall nominate to this Board, for confirmation, some qualified person as Teacher of Sewing, whose compensation shall be Two hundred dollars per annum."

"Ordered: That the Sub-Committee of each of the Grammar Schools for Girls be instructed to make the necessary arrangements for carrying the Regulation concerning Sewing into effect forthwith." Laid upon the table until the next meeting.

State Scholarships.

A Circular from the Board of Education in relation to the State Scholarships was presented, and referred to the Committee on the Annual Examinations.

Quincy School-house partition in rear of

On motion of Mr. Rand, Ordered: That the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Ventilation of School-Houses be directed to consider the expediency of placing a partition in the rear of the Quincy

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School House, for the better accommodation of the first division of that School.

Objects of Meetings. Secretary to inform members of.

An order offered by Mr. Tuttle, That in calling a special meeting of this Board, the Secretary be instructed to notify the members, so far as practicable, of the object for which said meeting is called, was laid

Com^e on Temp^y Instruction Rep^t on Salary of Sub-Master Lyman School.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom was referred an order providing for additional compensation to the Sub-Master of the Lyman School, reported that the order ought not to be adopted, and moved an indefinite postponement.

The Report was accepted, and the motion adopted.

John F. Vause: Gratuity to family of

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred an order concerning gratuity to the family of the late John F. Vause, having considered the subject, reported, recommending the passage of the order in a new draft, as follows:-

Ordered; That, in addition to the amount actually due to the estate of the late John F. Vause, for services as Master of the Chapman School, the sum of Three hundred and seventy-five dollars - being the equivalent of one quarter's salary - be paid to the Widow of

the deceased. Accepted, and the order passed. Feby 24th. 1854.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom was referred an order providing that Miss E. C. Simonds, Assistant Teacher in the Quincy School, receive pay from the date of her appointment, reported recommending the adoption of the order. Accepted, and the order adopted. Quincy Sch.:- E. M. Simonds to receive full pay.

Mr. Drake from the Sub-Committee of the South Boston Schools, who were directed to consider the expediency of consolidating those Schools, reported, That any movement for accomplishing that object until a new School-house shall have been built is inexpedient. South Boston Schools in: Report of Committee on consolidating.

The same Committee to whom was referred the petition of Geo. E. Bent and others, that Grammar-School education may be provided for children at South Boston Point, reported, recommending the adoption of the following orders:- Branch School, City Point.

Ordered: That a branch of the Bigelow School, under a female teacher, be opened in the Primary School-house at City Point; and that the Sub-Committee of said School have full powers to make all necessary arrangements for accomplishing this purpose.

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Ordered: That the Teacher of this Branch School receive full salary of an Assistant in the Grammar Schools. The Orders were adopted.

Committee on Accounts: Medal to I. E. Poor.

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of I. E. Poor for a Franklin Medal, reported recommending the adoption of the following Order:

Ordered: That the Secretary be authorized to furnish a suitable Franklin Medal to Mr. Poor, on his paying the expense thereof. The order was adopted.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

March 20. 1854.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Monday the 20th day of March, 1854.

Present,

The whole Board except His Honor the Mayor and Messrs. Thorndike, Simpson, Bottrop, Bates and Skinner. The President of the Common Council in the Chair.

State Scholarships. Report of Committee on.

Dr. Russell, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the State Scholarships, presented the Report of that Committee as follows:-

The Committee on the Annual Examination, to whom was referred a Circular from the Board of Education in relation to the State Scholarships, respectfully

Report:-

That, from the said Circular, it appears that by an Act of the Legislature of 1853, "establishing State Scholarships", the State engages to pay the sum of one hundred dollars a year towards the education at any college in the Commonwealth, of a certain number of scholars, upon condition that the scholars receiving such aid shall engage to teach in the public schools of the State for a term of time equal to that for which they have received the said aid.

The Act provides that the Commonwealth

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shall be divided by the Board of Education into four Sections; and these Sections into four classes, of ten Sections each; and that each Class shall be entitled to ten Scholarships, (or one Scholarship for each Section,) in rotation, one year in every four years, beginning in the year 1854. Two Scholars may also be chosen at large by the Board of Education - making in all twelve Scholarships for each year.

In accordance with this Act, the Board of Education have divided the State into the prescribed number of Sections, of which the County of Suffolk includes six Sections. Of these Sections, 2 & 3, including Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6, are entitled to Scholarships the present year.

By the provisions of the Act, it is made the duty of the School-Committee of each town to recommend to the Board of Education suitable candidates for the said Scholarships.

Your Committee on enquiry find but one pupil in our Schools who is prepared to apply for a Scholarship for the present year. They recommend, accordingly, that his name be submitted as a candidate, by the adoption of the following Order.

For the Committee:

L. B. Russell, Chairman.

Ordered: That Henry L. Patten be recommended to the Board of Education as a suitable candidate for a State Scholarship from the City of

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Ordered: That the Committee on the Annual Examination be authorized to present to the Board of Education the names of any new candidates for State Scholarships who may make application before the next meeting of the Board.

Ordered: That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to enquire into the expediency of asking the City Council for an additional Grammar School-House in East Boston; and that said Committee be requested to report at their earliest convenience. — New School-house at East Boston.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was refered a portion of the last quarterly Report of the Sub-Committee on the Eliot School reported, that the object contemplated in the recommendation refered to them has been anticipated by the Committee on Public Buildings, and therefore requires no farther action on the part of this Board. — Eliot School-house - alterations in Ref. of Com.

The same Committee who were directed to consider the expediency of fencing a partition in the hall of the Quincy School-house reported recommending the adoption of the following Order, viz, — Quincy School-House. Partition in hall of.

That the Com-

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mittee on Public Buildings be requested to cause a petition to be placed in the hall of the Lyman School house, agreeably to the plan herewith submitted. The Order was adopted.

N. C. Bartholomew's Drawing Lessons

A petition from N. C. Bartholomew, in relation to a series of Drawing Lessons of which he is the author was refered to the Committee on Books.

Gazetteer of the United States.

A communication from the Publishers of Baldwin's Ancient Gazetteer of the United States was refered to the same Committee.

Lyman S. H. Edmands.

Fanny K. Edmands was confirmed as Assistant Teacher in the Lyman School.

Sewing. Regulation adopted.

The Report of the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of requiring that Sewing shall be taught in the several Grammar Schools for Girls was taken from the table. The Regulation and Order were read and adopted. (as upon page 428.)

Materials for Sewing. Sub Committees to provide &c.

On motion of Dr. Parks,

Ordered: That the Sub-Committees of the several Schools be authorized to furnish materials for Sewing, to an amount not exceeding Twenty dollars annually, for each School in which instruction in the art is introduced.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was refered an Order directing them to inquire

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New School-house in East Boston.
Report of Committee.

into the expediency of asking the City Council for an additional School-house in East Boston, have examined into the facts in the case and respectfully submit the following Report;- It is well known to all persons who are familiar with the Grammar Schools in East Boston, that there has been a very rapid increase of Scholars in that section of the city for the last two or three years. The Chapman School is now so full that one class is kept in the Hall; and the Lyman School has for two years past been so large that the house could not accommodate the scholars, and a part of them has been placed in such rooms in the neighborhood as could be procured for the purpose.

The present number of Scholars connected with the two Schools in East Boston exceeds fourteen hundred; and the increase in that section for the last year was one hundred and twelve - which is more than one-third of the increase of Grammar School pupils in the whole city. There will be at least 400 Scholars not provided with proper Grammar School accommodations by the time a new School-house can be completed, if it is commenced without any unnecessary delay. The Committee are of opinion that a new Grammar School-house should be erected on the first Section, so called, near Belmont Square. This would enable the in-

March 20, 1854. habitants living South-East of the Eastern Rail-Road to send their children to School without exposing them to the dangers of crossing the Rail-Road four times a day.

The building of a new Grammar School-house on the first section appears to the Committee to be the cheapest and best way of providing proper Grammar-School accommodations for the increasing population of East Boston. If this were done, about one-half of the Lyman School section would form the district for the new School, and a part of the Chapman School section could then be set off to the Lyman School; and, in this way all the scholars would be relieved from their present crowded state, and a proper provision made for the probable increase of pupils for several years prospectively. They therefore submit the accompanying Order for the consideration of this Board. For the Committee:

(signed) Caleb B. Hartlett.

Ordered, That the foregoing Report be transmitted to the City Council, with the request that the recommendation of the Report be carried into effect. The Report was accepted and the Order adopted.

Battles (J.) Gratuity to.

An Order offered by Dr. Fogg, granting a gratuity to Jonathan Battles, equal to the salary of a Writing Master for three months, was referred to the Committee on

Temporary Instruction.

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On motion of Dr. Russell, Ordered: That the Sub-Committees be directed to state in their next quarterly Reports, what systems of Penmanship are in use in their respective Schools, and to report if any new systems have been introduced, not authorized by the Regulations.

Systems of Penmanship in the Schools.

An Order offered by Dr. Adams in relation to Greenleaf's Primary Arithmetic was refered to the Committee on Books.

Greenleaf's Primary Arithmetic.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen.
Secretary.

April 18 1854

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, April 18th, A. D. 1854.

Present,

The whole Board except Messrs. Cox, Fuller, Thorndike, Houston and Snake.

Book Committee Report.

Dr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Books, presented the following Report:

Bartholomew's Drawing Lessons.

The Book Committee, to whom was referred the petition of W. H. Bartholomew requesting that a Series of Drawing Lessons, of which he is the Author, may be introduced as a text-book into the Public Schools, respectfully

Report:

That the Masters in instructing in this art be allowed to use this Series of Lessons.

Baldwin & Thomas's Gazetteer.

The same Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Publishers of Baldwin & Thomas's Gazetteer, believing, upon examination, that said book would be useful as a work of reference in the Schools, recommend that it be used as such; and that two copies be supplied for each of the Grammar Schools upon the conditions proposed in said communication, viz, the wholesale price.

The same Committee would also take this opportunity to recommend for adoption, the following order - "That Bullions Practical Lessons in English Grammar be restored to be used at the discretion of the Masters, instead of the larger work by the same author, now prescribed in our Rules" — April 18. 1854. Bullions Practical Lessons in English Grammar.

The subject of "Greenleaf's Primary Arithmetic," also referred to this Committee, has been fully considered; and, after much deliberation, your Committee came to the conclusion to recommend the Primary Arithmetic by Mr. James Robinson; and that the same be forthwith introduced into our Schools, instead of Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic; provided the Publishers of Mr. Robinson's Book shall exchange the same for Greenleaf's Book without cost to the pupils. Greenleaf's Primary Arithmetic. Robinson's Primary Arithmetic. Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic.

All which is respectfully submitted.

For the Com^e. B. B. Adams.

Accepted; and the Orders and recommendations adopted.

Mr. Bates gave notice that he should move an amendment to the Regulations, Sect. 17, Chap 2^nd., — to strike out the words, "the edition heretofore used". Amendment to Regulations.

Mr. Norcross offered the following preamble and Resolution:-

April 18, 1854. Alterations of the City Charter

Whereas There is now pending before the House of Representatives a proposition to alter the City Charter of Boston, and whereas to change the organization and powers of the School Committee: And, Whereas, In the opinion of this Board, the proposed changes, in several respects, would be prejudicial to the best interest of our School System. Therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed from this Board, with full power to apply to the Legislature for the privilege of being heard on a subject which, in their opinion, is of so vital importance to the future well-being of our Schools.

Amended by Mr. Lowell as follows,—"and that said Committee be instructed to oppose the proposed alteration."

The Resolution as amended was adopted; and Norcross, Stevenson and Lothrop were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln,

Unauthorized Books

Ordered, That the several Sub-Committees ascertain, and report at the next meeting of this Board, whether any editions of Books other than those authorised by this Board are in use in the schools; and, if so, what is the character of the unauthorised Books, and the extent of their use.

On motion of Mr. Sykes, Ordered: That the Super-

Committee of Public Buildings be directed to give April 18. 1850.
this room to accommodate the Class in Sewing Lyman School
in the Lyman School for Girls. Room for Sewing.

Mary A. Proctor

was confirmed as Assistant Teacher in the Bow- Bowdoin &
doin School. Helen L. Gilson was nominated Phillips
as Head Assistant, and Elizabeth A. Conant Schools
as Assistant, in the Phillips School. Teachers in

A communication was read from Mr. John John C. Dore
C. Dore, resigning the office of Grammar Master Resignation.
of the Boylston School. The resignation, to take
effect on the First of June, was accepted.

Voted: That the subject of granting leave Leave of
of absence to Mr. Dore be refered to the Sub- absence
Committee of the Boylston School.

On motion Boylston
of Dr. Jarvis, Ordered: That the Boylston School School:
be organized on the Single-Headed Plan. Organization

A communication, from Prof. Hammatt on Prof. Hammatt
Physical Education was read and refered to the Phys. Education
Committee on School Houses.

A communication H. Bartholo-
from Mr. W. H. Bartholemew in relation to In- emew.
struction in Drawing in the Public Schools was Drawing
refered to a special Committee consisting of in the Schools
Messrs. Hammatt, Adams, Lothrop, Mumford.

April 18. 1854. Cox. Drake and Sykes.

Ordered: That the Sub-Committee of the Phillips School be authorized to supply said School with such Maps as are allowed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grammar Schools.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Edmund Q. Sewall
Secretary.

May 2nd 1854 A Quarterly meeting of the School-Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, May 2nd, 1854.

Present,

The Chairman and the whole Board except the President of the Common Council and Mr. Skinner.

Quarterly Reports. The Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the Schools were read by their respective Sub-Committees and were accepted by the Board.

Superintendent of Schools elected. Agreeably with the Rules the Board proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of the Public Schools. The Chair appointed Messrs. Seaver and Cox a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes; who, after attending to that duty,

rejected the whole number of votes to be 20, and one blank, and that Nathan Bishop had 20; whereupon he was declared elected. May 2nd, 1854.

The Chairman of the Committee on Books gave notice, in accordance with the Rules, that applications had been made to the Committee to have the following-named text books introduced into the Schools; viz, Sargent's Standard Speaker, Sargent's First Class Standard Reader, The North-American First Class Reader, and Swan's District-School Reader. Committee on Books. — notice of applications for the introduction of new Books.

Mr. Lowell offered the following — Ordered, That Lawton's Writing Books be added to the list of those authorized to be used in the Grammar Schools. Lawtons Writing Books.

Dr. Russell offered the following, — Ordered, That the Sub-Committees, in consultation with the Masters, may adopt such systems of Penmanship as are, in their opinion, best adapted to the wants of their respective Schools. Both Orders were referred to the Committee on Books. Systems of Penmanship.

Ordered, That the salary of Nathan Bishop, this day chosen Superintendent of Schools be the same as last year, viz, Twenty-five hundred dollars. Salary of Superint't.

A communication was presented from Mr. Benj. F. Nutting, with a petition that provision may be made for a more systematic course of instruction in Drawing in the Grammar Schools. — Referred to the Committee having that Drawing. B. F. Nutting's communication.

May 2nd, 1854 Subject in charge.

Dwight School. - Tyler's Salary.

An Order providing That the salary of Miss Caroline L. Tyler, an Assistant Teacher in the Dwight School, be fixed at $400 per annum, commencing Oct. 12, 1853, she having served the five preceding years as teacher in a Primary School, was refered to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Chapman School: Clapp's Salary

Dr. Thorndike offered the following order -- Ordered, That the salary of Miss A. E. Clapp, Assistant Teacher in the Chapman School be fixed at $400 per annum, commencing March 1st, 1854, she having been appointed a teacher of the Second Class, in the place of W. A. Jenks resigned.

Refered to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Dyke.

Anna E. Dyke was confirmed as Assistant Teacher in the Eliot School, Mary E. Morton, in the Chapman School.

Morton.

Mrs. Poree
Eliza J. Baxter
Wm. T. Adams
Wm. P. Harding
Mary G. Clement
H. C. A. Batchelder.
Eliz. A. Lord
Euana L. Brown
Annie E. Walker

Assistant Teachers were nominated, as follows; - Mrs. Poree, Teacher of Sewing in the Boylston School. - Eliza J. Baxter, Teacher of Sewing in the Bowdoin School. - William T. Adams, 2nd - Master, William P. Harding, Usher, Mary G. Clement, Head Assistant, Harriet C. A. Batchelder, Teacher of Sewing, in the Boylston School. Elizabeth A. Lord, Assistant in the Brimmer School in place of Miss Upton resigned. Eleanor L. Brown, Teacher of Sewing, Annie E. Walk-

and Susan E. Green, Assistant, in the Dwight School. Robert Rickford, Sub-Master. Mrs. Kennedy, Teacher of Sewing, in the Hancock Sch. Mrs. Hosmer, Teacher of Sewing in the Johnston School. Elizabeth Smith, Teacher of Sewing in the Smith School. Jane M. Bedford, Teacher of Sewing in the Wells School. Susan A. W. Loring, Teacher of Sewing in the Winthrop School.

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Susan E. Green
Rob't. Bickford
Mrs. Kennedy
Mrs. Hosmer
Eliz. Smith
Jane M. Bedford
S. A. W. Loring

Adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secy.

June 30, 1854

A Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Friday, June 30th, A. D. 1854.

Present, the Chairman and the whole Board except the President of the Common Council and Messrs. Cox, Fuller, Thorndike, Simpson, Skinner, Kendall and Fogg.

High School for Girls. Subject postponed.

The Report upon the subject of a High School for Girls, being City Doc. 43 and 44, referred by the City Council to this Board, was presented and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Lowell, Parkman, Parks, Russell, Fuller, Drake and Sykes.

Com. on Tem. Inst. upon the salary of Miss A. E. Clapp.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom was referred an order of the 2nd of May, providing that the salary of Miss A. E. Clapp, an Assistant teacher in the Chapman School should be fixed at $400 per annum from the first of March, 1854, report that said order ought to pass. Adopted.

Com. on Tem. Inst. upon the salary of Miss E. L. Sykes.

The same Committee to whom was referred an Order of the 2nd of May last, providing that the salary of Miss Caroline L. Sykes, a teacher in the Eight School, should be fixed at $400 per annum, to commence Oct. 12th, 1853, Report, that the Order ought to pass, with an amendment striking out the words "Oct. 12th, 1853," and inserting the words "March 1st, 1854." Read, accepted, and

the recommendation adopted.

The same Committee, to whom was refered an Order of the 20th of March last, proposing that the amount of one quarter's salary should be paid to Mr. Bullis, late Writing Master in the Mather School, report that the same ought not to pass. Read and accepted.

June 30. 1854. Comm on Sem'y Inst'n report on gratuity to Jona. Bullis.

The following Resolution and Order were adopted;- Resolved, That the Chairman of this Board respectfully request the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to take such action as they may deem proper, in order that the reasonable expenses of the Annual School Festival may be defrayed by the City. Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Chairman, to make the necessary arrangements in relation to said Festival.

School Festival.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Lothrop, Norcross, Randall, Shuttleff, Simpson, Fuller and Robinson as that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Norcross, Ordered, That the Committee on Temporary Instruction be, and they, hereby, are, authorized to apportion to the several parties interested the sum of money which the City Council may appropriate to aid in defraying the expenses of Evening Schools for Adults.

Eve'g Schools for adults. Money to be appertioned in aid of.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred a communication from Dr. P. H. Hammond, in regard to the introduction of Gymnastic Exercises into the Grammar Schools

Com'ee on School Houses report on the petition of

June 30. 1854.

Dr. Hammond's Gymnastic Exercises in the Schools

Report:

That your Committee held a meeting at which Dr. Hammond was present by invitation; that, in order to carry out the plan and suggestions of this gentleman, it was found necessary, in his opinion, to have for each school a large room in addition to present accommodations, furnished with somewhat expensive apparatus. This estimate of the cost of fixtures and special assistants for this purpose is about $2500, for each school, independent of the room. In this view of the subject your Committee have no hesitation in recommending that no further action be had on this subject.

For the Committee, Nath'l B. Shurtleff, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

New School-House named.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff,-

Ordered, That the new School-house now in process of erection on Tremont St. be called the "Winthrop School House."

Miss E. R. Baxter. Miss Spaull confirmed. Miss Caldwell. Miss Wolcott nominated.

The following Teachers were confirmed:- Mrs. Rachel C. Mather, in the Bigelow-Branch School. Emily R. Baxter, in the Bigelow School. Juliana Spaull in the Wells School. The following were nominated as Teachers of Sewing:- Mary Ellen Caldwell in the Lyman School, commencing May 1st. Maria J. Wolcott in the Franklin School.

Adjourned

Attest: Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 1st, A. D. 1854. — Aug. 1st, 1854.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs. Thorndike, Lothrop, Lowell and Russell.

The Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the Schools except the English-High, the Normal and the Chapman, were presented by the respective Sub-Committees and were accepted by the Board. — Quarterly Reports.

The Secretary read his Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns. — Sec'y's Abstract.

The Chair read a letter from Rev. Dr. Lothrop who was detained from the meeting by absence from town. — Letter from Dr. Lothrop.

A Report refered to this Board by the City Council, being City Doc't. No. 54, "In case of a child excluded from a public School of this city," was presented by the Chairman and refered to Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Drake, Parks and Sykes. — City Doc't. 54 — a child excluded from School.

The Annual Report of the Primary School Committee required by Chap't. 1. of the Rules, was presented and accepted. — Prim. School Com'tee Report.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, — Eliot School.

Ordered, That so much of the Quarterly Report of the Eliot Schools as relates to the need of additional room, be refered to the Committee on School-Houses. — additional room in.

Aug. 12th 1851.

Book-Committee.-Report of-Systems of Penmanship

The Book Committee, to whom were referred, a May 2nd, orders in regard to Dunton's Writing Books, &c, Report: First, that the Order regarding Dunton's System of Writing be passed over, as its substance is contained in the second Order referred to this Committee. Second, that the Order, allowing the several Sub-Committees, in consultation with the Masters of their respective Schools to adopt any systems of Penmanship they may think expedient, be adopted. E.B. Adams, Chairman of Book Committee.

The Report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

Eliot School-Compensation of Miss Marsh.

Mr. Fuller offered the following: Whereas, Miss Marsh has been employed for several years in Schools out of Boston, and with distinguished success, and has given much satisfaction for the six months in which she has been employed by the City, therefore,

Ordered, That Miss Marsh be allowed the increase of compensation for the coming year which is allowed to teachers for same years employed in the public service, viz. $400.00. Referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Eng. High School: One Sub-Master in:

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Ordered, That the second Section of the fifth Chapter of the School Regulations be so amended as to provide for only one Sub-Master in the English High School.

Clara E. Elkins was nominated as Assistant Teacher in the Franklin School.

Aug. 12th, 1854. Teachers nominated & confd.

The following teachers were confirmed; viz., in the Bunman School, Elizabeth F. Ford & Augusta H. Swan. Elliot, Abby E. Marsh & Elizabeth E. Swan. Franklin, Maria S. Wolcott, Teacher of Sewing. Lyman, Helen E. Caldwell, Teacher of Sewing. Mather, E. F. Bradley, Head Assistant; Emily J. Childs and E. T. Jewett, Assistants, Mary L. Gordon, Teacher of Sewing. Phillips, Helen L. Gilson, Head Assistant, Elizabeth A. Conant, Assistant. Smith School, Elizabeth Smith, Teacher of Sewing. Wells School Jane M. Bedford, Teacher of Sewing. Winthrop Jane E. Cheney, Assistant, Susan A. W. Loring, Teacher of Sewing.

Franklin, Bunman, Elliot, Lyman, Mather, Phillips, Smith, Wells, Winthrop.

Secret Session. Election of Masters

On motion of Mr. Norcross, Voted to take up the subject of the condition of the Schools and the election of Teachers. The Board then went into Secret Session. Committees were appointed to collect, sort and count the votes for Masters, with the following results:-

Latin School, Francis Gardner.
English High, Thomas Sherwin.
Normal, Loring Lothrop.

Voted to suspend the Rules- that portion of Sect. 13. Chap. 6, which provides that the Annual Examining Committee "shall report previous to the annual election of Instructors."

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Bigelow School,- Subject of Masterships, referred to Committee.

Mr. Duke presented petitions of parents of children in the Bigelow School, and of citizens of South Boston, for a change in the Masterships of said School. Mr. Loring presented a paper containing the names of parents desiring the continuance of Mr. Wight in the Bigelow School. On motion of Mr. Haskins, Voted, to refer the subject of the Masterships of the Bigelow School to a Committee of Seven. The Chair appointed as that Committee Messrs. Haskins, Lothrop, Norcross, Stevenson, Parkman, Shimmin and Randall.

Election of Masters.

Proceeded with the election of Masters.

Bowdoin School,	Abraham Andrews.
Boylston,	Charles Kimball.
Brimmer,	Joshua Bates.
Chapman, for Boys,	John P. Averill.
Chapman, for Girls,	Josiah H. Bartlett.
Dwight, for Boys,	James A. Page,
Dwight, for Girls,	George B. Hyde.
Eliot,	William H. Seavey.
Franklin,	Samuel L. Gould.
Hancock,	George Allen Jr.
Hawes,	Samuel Barnett.
Johnson,	Passed over.
Lyman, for Boys,	Hosea H. Lincoln.
Lyman, for Girls,	Passed over.
Mather,	Josiah F. Stearns.
Mayhew,	Samuel Swan.

Phillips, James Hovey. Aug. 1st, 1854.
Quincy, Charles E. Valentine
Smith, Thomas Paul.
Wells, Cornelius Walker and Reuben Swan Jr.
Winthrop. Passed unan.

Gratuity to Miss Hunt.

Mr. Randall presented a communication from E. W. Blake, of Prim. School Committee, Dist. 20, asking a gratuity for the family of the late Miss E. V. Hunt, and moved that it be refered to the Committee on Temporary Instruction. Adopted.

Winthrop School. Salary of Miss Cheney.

Mr. Bates offered the following:- Voted. That the second year of service of Miss Jane E. Cheney of the Winthrop School be deemed to commence on the first day of September next - she having served three months in said school as a substitute, immediately before her appointment as Teacher; and that her salary after said first day of September be at the rate of $200 per year. Refered to Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Assistant Teachers elected.

Upon nomination by the respective Sub-Committees, Assistant Teachers were elected in several of the Schools, as follows:-

Latin. Caleb Emery, Sub-Master, John Noble, Charles J. Capen, & Thomas H. Chandler, Ushers. Frederick D. Williams, Teacher of Drawing.

Bowdoin.

Jonas Robinson, Ass't Teacher of Arithmetic. Mary A. Murdock and Rebecca Lincoln, Head Assistants. Mary S. Robinson, Hannah L. Andrews, Elizabeth B. Mitchell, Marcy Ann Smith, Louisa Clark,

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Esther A. Rhoades, Sub. R. Masters, Mary A. Proctor, Assistants. Eliza J. Baxter, Teacher of Sewing. Wm. P. Peirce, Music Teacher. Bigelow, Lemuel C. Brown Sub. Master. Anna L. Hyde, Head Assistant. Mary E. Beck, Mary Tyler, Ellen B. Cunningham, Mary E. Knight, Helen M. Eaton, Elizabeth A. Sanborn and Augusta H. Swan, Assistants. Edwin Buck, Music Teacher. Dwight for Boys. William F. Basto, Sub-Master, Elizabeth P. Hyman, Emeulia A. Bassett, Almira H. Hodges, Caroline L. Tyler, Annie E. Walker, Assistants. Dwight for Girls. Eliza A. Harding, Henrietta Draper, Amelia W. Cate, Mary E. Butt and Susan E. Green, Assistants. Eleanor L. Brown, Teacher of Sewing. Hawes. Charles A. Morrill, Sub-Master, Henry C. Hamblen, Usher. Lewis P. Henderson, Georgiana Watts, Martha A. Dearborn, Josephine W. Easte, Assistants. Henry Tuke, Music Teacher. Johnson. Rebecca P. Barry, Head Assistant. Martha E. Towne, Almira Seymour, Mary Jane Danforth & Caroline E. Brighton, Assistants. Hannah H. Kezar, Teacher of Sewing. L. H. Southard, Music Teacher. (so long as the school is continued) Lyman for Boys. James F. Blackinton, Sub-Master, Mary C. Bulfinch, Hannah G. Smith, Mary F. Turner & Amelia W. Putnam, Assistants. L. H. Southard, Music Teacher. Lyman for Girls. Mary P. Moulton, Jane A. Wight, Emeline Finch, Cynthia Lothrop, Eliza A. Higgins, & Fanny K. Edmunds, Assistants. Mary E. Caldwell,

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Teacher of Sewing. L. H. Southard, Music Teacher.
Hayden. Winslow Battles, Sub-Master, Robert Swan,
Usher. Elizabeth D. C. Moulton, Head Assistant.
Elizabeth L. West, Elizabeth P. Hopkins, S. W. Cope-
land, Sarah E. Curtis, Emily A. Moulton, Helen
M. Pierson & Caroline H. Rice, Assistants. Samuel Swan,
Music Teacher. Phillips, Amphion Gates, Sub-
Master, John M. Colcord, Usher. Helen L. Gilson
Head Assistant. Catharine T. Dow, Eliza F. Cope-
land, Ellen M. Coolidge, Sarah E. Adams, Elvira
M. Harrington & Elizabeth A. Conant, Assistants.
Edwin Bruce, Music Teacher. Wells, William H.
Swan, Usher. Matilda A. Gerry, Mary S. Carter,
Sarah P. Lothrop, Lydia A. Hayward, Maria E.
Chase, Julianna Spurrell, Assistants. Jane M. Bel-
ford, Teacher of Sewing. Edwin Bruce, Music Teacher.
Winthrop, Anna B. Page, Head Assistant. Elizabeth
K. Briggs, Susan A. W. Loring, Caroline A. Rogers, Mar-
tha P. Cotton, Almira Hall, Elizabeth Leathe[illegible], Jane
E. Cheney, Assistants. L. H. Southard, Music Teacher.
S. A. W. Loring, Teacher of Sewing.

Voted to adjourn for two weeks.

Attest.

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

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An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, August 15th, A.D. 1854.

Present,

the Chairman, the President of the Common Council, and the whole Board except Messrs. Bird, Dodd, Simpson, Howe, Randall and Lincoln.

Quarterly Reports

Quarterly Reports were presented by the respective Sub-Committees, upon the condition of the Female and Chapman Schools.

Tempory Instruction:- Miss Marsh's Salary.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom was referred an order of the 1st inst. proposing an increase of the salary of Miss Marsh, a teacher in the Eliot School, report that the order ought not to pass.

For the Committee, J. Thos. Stevenson, Chairman.

Tempy Instruction:- Salary of Miss Cheney.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom was referred an order of the 1st inst. proposing an increase in the salary of Miss Cheney, a teacher in the Winthrop School, have considered the same and Report: The only reason assigned for such increase is the fact that Miss Cheney had served as substitute for another teacher previously to her appointment. The Committee suppose that the 4th section of the 1st Chapter of the Regulations of the Public Schools has reference to "duties" consequent upon "appointment" as teacher, and they therefore report that the order ought not to be adopted.

For the Committee, J. Thos. Stevenson.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom was referred a letter from Primary School Committee for Dist. No. 20, asking an appropriation for the benefit of the family of Miss E. L. Hunt, deceased, have inquired into the circumstances and find that during Miss Hunt's illness, a month of her family was employed an substitute for her, at the public charge, and succeeds her in the place which she had faithfully filled. The Committee has failed to find a sufficient reason for a departure from the Regulations of the schools in this instance, and therefore report that action on the part of this Board is inexpedient.

For the Committee, J. Thos. Stevenson

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Temp'y Instruction:- Gratuity to family of Miss Hunt.

The Report was accepted.

Dr. Lothrop, Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the English High School requested to be allowed further time to make the Quarterly Report of that school.

more time allowed Com. on Eng. High School.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, Voted to reconsider the vote at the last meeting whereby the rule providing for only one Sub-Master in the English High School was adopted. Voted, to lay the order upon the table.

Sub Master-ship in Eng. High School

The Board then went into secret session for the Election of Teachers.

Secret Session

The special Committee to whom was referred the petitions relating to the Master of the Bigelow School,

Bigelow School: Report of special Committee

Report; That they have not

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thoughts suitable to go into any analysis of said petitions, nor yet to base any resolution on them; but in regard to the prayer of the petitioners; but rather to give the parties a hearing, which has been done. At the appointed time and place a considerable ~~number~~ number of gentlemen appeared and testified to their unfavorable impressions of Mr. Craft's manner of instructing their daughters; that they had often heard complaints from them and others of his excitability, harsh treatment, unguarded appearance, coarse expressions and the like; that for these things some had withdrawn all, others a part and would withdraw the rest of their children if he was to remain in the school.

Other gentlemen appeared and expressed their entire approbation of Mr. Crafts's course of instruction, stating that they had sent their daughters to his school for many years without ever hearing any complaint worth noticing; that they ought to consider themselves fortunate in having his services; that, in their opinion a very large majority of his district were in favor of his remaining with them.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be, respecting his connection with a girls' school, there appears to be little or no objection to his being transferred to a boys' school; and some of his enemies, if such they may be called, have suggested that such a change should be made; saying that, otherwise they

have opposed him at the Bigelow School, they would sustain him at the Hawes School. Aug. 13th 1854

With respect to his literary qualifications, his being a good citizen and neighbor, all are well satisfied. Mr. Eagle was disappointed in not hearing more specific charges preferred against him, and desired that definite charges might be made, in order that he might have an opportunity to present his numerous friends, who, as he believed, were ready and abundantly able to disprove them.

But your Committee had no authority to require any direct charge to be made; and, knowing that the investigation might be continued to almost any extent, and, possibly, without any better chance for coming to a right conclusion, it was decided, with a brief summary of the hearing which has been had, to report the whole subject back to the General Committee. Respectfully submitted.

J. Proctor Haskins, for the Committee.

Read and accepted.

Proceeded to elect a Master of the Bigelow School. The Chair appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes; when it appeared that Mr. Joseph Hall was elected. Bigelow School:- Master elected.

Upon nomination by the respective Sub-Committees, Assistant Teachers were elected as follows: Assistant Teachers elected

Boylston School. William T. Adams, Sub-Master, William P. Harding, Usher, Mary E. Clement, Head-Assistant. Clarinda R. F. Treadwell, Catharine H. Grover. Normal School. M. J. Tarr, C. C. Johnson, M. F. Eastman. Model School. Lucy D. Osborn, M. L. Sage, Assistants. L. H. Southard, Music Teacher.

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Ch. Chas. H. S. Tenbrook, Emily F. Coulton, Anna F. Foster, Rosetta M. Hodges, Mary S. Smith, Laura P. Holland, and Louisa F. Coulton, Assistants. Harriet A. F. Batchelder, Teacher of Sewing. Charles Butler, Music Teacher. Chapman School for Boys. Jane E. Gilbert, Adeline E. Clapp, Julia T. Beale, Sarah J. D. Fogg, Mary C. Eaton, and Elizabeth T. Dickson, Assistants. L. H. Southard, Music Teacher. Chapman, for Girls. Lucy T. Wiggin, Sarah J. Chamberlin, Louisa A. H. Wennek, Charlotte L. Stockwell, and Estelle Ditson, Assistants. Mary A. Conley, Teacher of Sewing. L. H. Southard, Music Teacher. Eliot. Sam'l. W. Mason 2nd Master, Alfred Ewins, Usher; Caroline W. Carter, Head Assistant. Eliza L. Felt, Sophia Shepard, Hannah M. Damon, Caroline A. Coviant. Calista H. Clement, Fanny R. Richardson, Sarah S. Jones, Anna E. Dyke, Abby A. Marsh, & Elizabeth M. Turner, Assistants. Charles Butler, Teacher of Music. Franklin. Catharine T. Simonds and Sarah A. M. Cushing, Head Assistants. Abba A. Johnson, Mary J. Leach, Fanny M. Beck, Sarah A. Gale, Mary A. Mitchell, Elizabeth J. Brown, Helen E. Vans, and Elizabeth M. Bradbury, Assistants. Maria T. Wolcott, Teacher of Sewing. L. H. Southard, Music Teacher of Music. Hancock. Robert Bickford, Sub Master. Rebecca C. Lewis, Head Assistant. Henrietta L. Pierce, Sarah E. White, H. R. Brigham, Ichsak Barnes, S. O. H. Eaton, H. Herman, Mary F. Kimball, Elizabeth T. H. Kay, Mary J. Gale, Angelina A. Brigham, Assistants.

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Sarah Somerby, Teacher of Sewing. E. H. Southard, Teacher of Music. Mather. Asa Weeks, Sub-Master. E. F. Bradley, Head Assistant. Lucy Floyd, Margarette A. Moody, Margaret A. Pease, Elizabeth B. Reynolds, Alice Cooper, Laura A. Bartholomew, Mary Jane Newmarch, Olive M. Jeffords, Emily Childs, and E. S. Jeffords, Assistants. Mary L. Gordon, Teacher of Sewing. Albert Drake, Music Teacher. Smith. Charlotte M. Knowles, Assistant. Elizabeth Smith, Teacher of Sewing. James C. Johnson, Music Teacher.

(N.B. the Chairman of the Latin School had resigned the special charge of it, Sect. 2nd, Chap. 5th of the Rules was suspended, to allow nominations to be made by other than the Sub-Committee of the School.)

Proceeded to ballot for Master of the Winthrop School; and Henry Williams Jr. was declared elected. — Winthrop School: - Master elected.

William L. P. Boardman was nominated as Usher in the Brimmer School. — Brimmer School: Usher nominated.

On nomination of Mr. Brimmer, Mr. L. H. Southard was elected Teacher of Music in the Johnson School; to serve such portion of the present year as the School shall be continued. — Johnson School. Music Teacher.

On motion of Mr. Norcross, Ordered, That the salaries of the Teachers of the Public Schools for the coming year be the same as at present fixed by the Board. — Salaries.

The Committee to whom was refered City Doc.t, No. 54, being a Report and Order — City Doc. No. 54 Repart of

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from the City Council on the case of a child excluded from a public school of this City - would

Report: That they have given to the subject which has been referred to them that candid consideration which has been requested by the City Council, and that careful reflection which the intrinsic importance of the subject appears to demand. It would, in the view of your Committee, be prejudging a question which is now awaiting legal adjudication, if this Board should attempt to establish rules on the rights of parents of colored children under our present system of public instruction, and how far the authority of this Board extends, in excluding such children from our public schools. The case which is now pending and which has given rise to the report and order referred to this Board will settle all legal questions arising under the general subject of distinction of color in the arrangements of our Public Schools. It would certainly appear, then, to be the wisest policy for this Board to await this decision of the Supreme Court, and, then, with the new light acquired, to act, if action is thought necessary.

It appears that there is no regulation of this Board which compels the attendance of colored children upon the "Smith School" or excludes them from the other public schools; and it is also found to be the pratice of many of the Sub-Committees to allow colored children to attend the schools

nearest their places of residence when the Smith School is inconveniently distant. This practice your Committee judge to be perfectly satisfactory, as it removes the great objection, which is urged with much force, that it is unreasonable to compel the attendance of those colored children upon the Smith School who reside in the extreme parts of the City. Aug. 15th, 1854

This School, established in answer to the petition of colored citizens, supported in part by the bequest of Abiel Smith, and favored by a respectable portion of the parents of children in attendance upon it, is, we believe instituted upon "the great fact of the equal right of all to participate in the benefits of a common-school education", and not upon injustice to any class; nor will it operate unjustly so long as the practice already referred to is allowed to continue.

Your Committee, feeling that the existing arrangement is perfectly satisfactory, would recommend that there is no further action of this Board upon the report and order contained in City Document No. 54, referred by the City Council to this Board. Respectfully submitted.- For the Committee, Henry A. Drake.

Dr. Parks, from the same Committee, presented the following Minority Report:- Minority Report.

With great respect for the ability with which the Report of the Committee appointed with reference to City Doc. No. 54 is drawn up, and for the motives actuating my colleagues in adopting it, I regret to find that I must

Aug. 15th 1854 [illegible] report.

My own views, to a certain extent, correspond with those set forth in the above-mentioned my note upon. But, in so far as it is intimated that distance, alone, from the Smith School authorizes Sub-Committees to allow the entrance of pupils into other Grammar Schools, I am constrained to dissent from its positions.

As I read the Certificates of the Secretaries of the Primary School Committee and of the Grammar School Committee, quoted on pages 5 and 6 of City Doc. No. 54, any colored child may enter any and all schools which any white child living in the same district may enter, no matter what may be his proximity to the Smith School. Moreover, as to the general expediency of separating the colored children from the white in the public Schools, all arguments in favor of such separation would, to my mind, apply, with less force than in the case of a large class of children of foreign parentage.

I do not wish to be understood as desiring the discontinuance of the Smith School. Let it be maintained for those children whose parents prefer to have them attend it.

In view of these considerations I would offer the following order:- Ordered, That the foregoing Report be transmitted to the City Council as an expression of the opinion of the Grammar School Committee.

All which is respectfully sub-

mitted as a minority Report, by Luther Parks Jr. — Aug. 15th, 1854.
member of the Committee on City Document No. 54.

Voted to lay the Reports upon the table. — Johnson & Winthrop Schools.

On motion of Mr. Bates. Voted, That the Sub-Committees of the Johnson and Winthrop Schools be a joint Committee with full powers to make such arrangements as they deem necessary to carry into full effect the votes of this Board respecting these Schools. — Sub Committees a joint Committee.

Voted to adjourn to one week from to-day.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of August, 1854. — Aug. 22nd, 1854.

Present.

The Chairman, the President of the Common Council, and the whole Board except Messrs. Fuller, Thorndike, Sykes, Haskins, Stevenson, Skinner, Randall, Lincoln, Parks and Drake.

The Quarterly Report of the English-High School was read by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of that School. — Quarterly Report of the Eng. High School.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, Ordered, That the Sub-Committee be authorized to procure Book-Cases for the use of the English-High School, at an expense — Book Cases for the Eng. High School.

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not exceeding ($300.00) Three Hundred Dollars.

Secret Session.

The Board then went into secret session for the election of teachers in the English High School.

Eng. H. School: Sub Masterships

The Order for suspending the Rules as to provide for only one Sub-Master in that School was taken from the table, and, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, indefinitely postponed.

Eng. High School: Teachers elected

Upon nomination of the Sub-Committee the following teachers were then elected; Luther Robinson, First Sub-Master. Charles M. Cumston, Second Sub-Master (in place of Francis S. Williams resigned.) Luther W. Anderson, Usher. Frederick D. Williams, Teacher of Drawing.

Lyman School. Reorganization of:-

Dr. Russell offered the following Order - Ordered, That the Lyman School for Boys and the Lyman School for Girls be organized as a single School, under the charge of one Head-Master, according to the third plan of the Grammar-School Regulations. Refered to the Sub-Committees of the Lyman & Chapman Schools.

Quincy School. Teachers elected.

Upon nomination by Dr. Parkman, subordinate teachers were elected in the Quincy School, as follows; B. W. Putnam, Sub-Master, James O. Brown & Adoniram Alden, Ushers. Josephine L. Tucker, Head-Assistant. Abbie Dalton, E. Maria Simonds, Lydia A. Hanson, Sophia A. Sweatt, Angelina A. Moulton, Caroline D. Colton, Harriett D. Kimball and E. O. Vinton Assistants.

Wells School.

A petition signed by John E. Bradlee and about fifty others, citizens of Ward Five, to have the Wells School

organized under one head Master, was referred to the Sub-Committee of the Lyman and Chapman Schools.

The following Order offered by Dr. Russell was referred to the Sub-Committee of the Normal & Quincy Schools, with full power.- Ordered, That the Model-School District be enlarged so that the southerly boundary line now running "through the centre of Washington to Essex St., thence through the centre of Essex to Lincoln St." shall run through the centre of Washington to Beach St., thence through the centre of Beach to Lincoln St.

Aug. 22nd, 1854. Adding Citizens of Ward 5. to the School District.

Voted to adjourn to Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest: Edmund Capen, Secretary.

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Aug. 29th, 1854.

Aug. 29th, 1854.

Present,

The Chairman and the whole Board, except the President of the Common Council and Messrs. Fuller, Sykes, Simpson, Lothrop, Stevenson, Randall, Robinson and Parks.

Dr. Thorndike offered the following Order:- Ordered, That the Girls department of the Lyman School be placed temporarily under the care of Mr. H. H. Lincoln, until the special Committee, appointed to consider the expediency

Lyman School, Girls' Department placed under charge

Aug. 29th, 1854 of Mr. Lincoln.

of organizing that School on the single-headed plan shall have reported, and this Board shall have taken such further action on the subject as they deem expedient. Voted to amend the order by striking out the words "Hon. H. H. Lincoln," and inserting "the Sub Committee to whom the subject was referred." On motion of Mr. Norcross, Voted to lay the whole subject on the table.

Eliot School accommodations

Report of Committee on School Houses

The Committee on School-Houses to whom was referred that portion of the Quarterly Report of the Sub-Committee of the Eliot School which recommended further accommodations for the pupils, Report: That the objects contemplated have been anticipated by the Committee on Public Buildings, and, therefore, require no further action on the part of this Board.

For the Committee, Nath'l B. Shurtleff.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Norcross, Voted to adjourn to meet on the third Tuesday in September.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 1854. There being no quorum present the Board adjourned.

Sept. 3d, 1854. No quorum.

Attest:

P. Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 7th 1854.

Nov. 7th, 1854.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board, except the President of the Common Council and Messrs. Thorndike, Bates and Drake.

The Quarterly Reports upon the condition of all the Schools were presented by the respective Sub-Committees and accepted by the Board.

Quarterly Reports.

The special Committee to whom was refered the communication made to this Board by the City Physician, relative to the excessive amount of out-of school study required, especially in the Girls' schools, and the injury to health resulting therefrom; have attended to the duty assigned, and respectfully submit the following Report:- In order to ascertain as far as possible the facts in the case, and the experience and opinions of the Teachers upon the subject,

Committee on City Physician's communication.

Nov. 7th 1854 the Chairman addressed to the Masters of the Grammar Schools a circular containing a copy of the communication of the City Physician, and a request for such information in reply, in regard to his School, as each Master might have in his possession, together with such opinions and judgment of his own upon the whole subject as he might be disposed to present to the Committee. Answers have been received from all the Masters. From these replies of the Masters the following facts appear:-

First, That, in some few of the Schools, no regular lessons from text books are expressly assigned for out-of-School study to any of the classes. Second, That in all the Grammar Schools no out-of-School lessons are assigned to the 3d & 4th classes. Third, That, in no School would the lesson assigned for home study require more time than is allowed by the Regulations- the almost uniform statement of the Masters being that the lesson assigned to the 1st class would require from thirty to sixty minutes study, and that to the 2nd class, from twenty to thirty-five minutes. Fourth, That most of the masters have never heard any complaints upon this point from parents or guardians; some do not say whether they have or not; none say that they have heard such complaints. Fifth, That some of the Masters are watchful upon this matter, and, if a pupil seems indisposed, care is taken to favor that pupil in the lessons of the day; and, if one is seen to be too constant and intense in application, a respite is recommended.

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Sixth. That none of the Masters press out-of-School study is-that some are satisfied with faithful attention and study during school hours, while the general opinion seems to be that a moderate amount of out-of-school study is both necessary for the prescribed course of study, and is wholesome in its influence upon character and habits. Seventh. That some of the Masters think that commonly the ill health that may exist arises from other causes than excessive study. Upon this topic one Master writes thus.- "In a city like, many of the amusements in which children are permitted to join lead, in a greater or less degree, to a species of dissipation in late hours, irregular diet and sleep. May we not often find here the secret of home and school sickness, rather than in the excessive amount of out-of-school study. Facts bearing upon this point, which often come to the knowledge of the teacher, will, I think, sustain this statement." Another Master writes thus.- "with regard to the evil complained of by the City Physician, I am confident it cannot be found below the first class in any of the schools. Even there, would parents insist upon a due amount of exercise and a proper regard to the laws of health, I believe the lessons would be better got with half the study. A young lady who habitually chews pitch, various gratifications of poisonous confectionary, is irregular at her meals, rarely attempts ablution except upon her face and hands, keeps late hours, often not retiring till eleven o'clock or later at

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night, rarely takes exercize, and almost never rejoices in freshair, can hardly be expected to accomplish in three hours what under favorable circumstances might be easily disposed of in one. Eighth That, while none of the Masters admit that there is an excessive amount of study assigned for out-of-school, several express the opinion that the pressure from without, the expectations of the Committee, the wishes of the parents, the ambition of the pupils, and an exacting public sentiment do tend to stimulate many to excessive application both in and out of school.

They think it would be well if the community could understand that precocity is a disease, and that no rail-road has been built between ignorance & knowledge - between the mental weakness of childhood, and the intellectual strength of manhood.

These are the essential facts developed by the replies of the Masters. None of them recommend any specific legislation by this Board.

The Committee also invited the city Physician to meet them for consultation, or, if so disposed, to make in writing, some further communication. The Committee had one interview with him and subsequently received from him a long and able letter, in which he sets forth and illustrates, by several examples coming under his own observation, the evils arising from the amount of out-of-school study made necessary by the present arrangements.

In this document the city Physician recommends

as a remedy for these evils, the three following provisions:- 1st, To abolish the regulation permitting the assignment of lessons to be learned out of school.- 2nd, To diminish the number of higher studies and reduce them to the capacity of the children who constitute the majority of the classes. As this could only be done by removing from school those who are over fourteen years of age, and competent to pursue higher studies, he recommends, 3rd,- The establishment of a High School for Girls- Nov. 7th, 1854.

In view of what has here been presented, your Committee are of the opinion, that the replies of the Masters are, in general, correct; and that the difficulty, though it may be, and probably is, increased by the out-of-school studies assigned, is yet mainly owing to the general arrangements of our schools and to the strong pressure from various sources, urging the pupils to intense application, and the Masters to encourage it, and can only be met by some general changes introduced by general legislation.

Your Committee are also of opinion that the views presented by the City Physician are, in general correct, and that the remedies he suggests are the only efficient ones. They do not consider, however, that it comes within their province to report upon a change of studies which shall reduce the higher studies in the way proposed, or upon the establishment of a High School for Girls, as this is a subject already under the consideration of a Committee of this Board.

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The first suggestion of the city Physician - that of prohibiting the assignment of any lesson expressly to be learned out of school, is the only one coming distinctly within the province of this Committee.

The Committee do not suppose that, to rescend the 18th section of the 1st Chap. of the School Regulations, would, of itself alone, remedy the evil, or do much towards it; there would still be much, and, with the ambitious, too much, studying out of school; but it would do something, perhaps, to diminish the evil, and it would relieve this Board from the charge of encouraging and sustaining the evil by its regulations.

The Committe therefore recommend that the 18th Sect of the 1st Chap. of the School Regulations be rescinded in its application to the Girls Schools, and submit an Order to that effect, - Ordered, That the 18th Section of the 1st Chapter of the School Regulations be rescinded in regard to the Grammar Schools for Girls, and that, from and after the passage of this Order, no lessons be assigned in those schools expressly to be learned out of school.

Section rescinded

Respectfully submitted. S. K. Lothrop, for the Committee.

The Rules were suspended and the Order adopted.

Quincy School. Miss Fisher's salary.

The following Order was referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction - Ordered, That the sum of Twenty six Dollars be paid to Miss Adeline E. Fisher, for her services as a teacher in the Quincy School, from Sept. 7th to Oct. 14th - being at the rate of $250, per annum.

Nov. 7th, 1854. Lyman School; report of Committee on reorganization of.

The Committee, to whom was refered the consideration of an Order proposing to place the Lyman School on the single-headed plan, respectfully Report.-

That they have given due attention to the subject. It seems to your Committee that, whatever arrangement will disturb this school the least will be the best for the present year, as an entire change in the school must be made next year when the new school-house on Belmont Square is finished.

The Committee are unanimous in the opinion that the plan of organizing our schools which places all the pupils in one building under the general care of one Head-Master should be adopted whenever the circumstances are favorable. The Lyman School-House, though not well adapted to the single headed plan, is, nevertheless, much more convenient for that form of organization than the Mather School-house at South-Boston, where that large school has been successfully conducted by one Head-Master, for the greater portion of the last year. Efficient arrangements for instructing and taking proper care of the Lyman School have already been made and can easily be continued for the remainder of the year, without any material change.

It seems to your Committee, that the appointment of a new Master - which cannot be made within less than a month - for the remainder of the year, must necessarily disturb the existing interior arrangements of the school, and thus cause more changes than would naturally occur by allowing the school to go on as at

c No. 7th 1856. present organized until the new house is completed.

To avoid all unnecessary changes in the classification of the pupils, which annoys, retard their progress, the Committee recommend that the Order recommended at the last meeting be adopted.

For the Committee. James N. Sykes. Chairman.

Read and accepted, and the Order passed.

Wells School. Report of Committee on Petition of Citizens of Ward Five

The Committee to whom a petition signed by certain citizens of Ward Five, asking that the Wells School may be organized on the single headed plan, respectfully Report, That they have no means of ascertaining the condition of that school, as none of its Sub-Committee are associated with them, and therefore find themselves unable to form any judicious opinion in regard to the change asked for by the petitioners. They therefore ask to be excused from a further consideration of the subject.

For the Committee, James N. Sykes. Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Annual Examining Com" to report in print.

On motion of Dr. Russell,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Annual Examination be authorized to report in print.

Rev. L. B. Schwarz.—instruction of foreign adult residents.

Dr. Keep presented a communication from Rev. L. B. Schwarz relative to providing means for instructing certain foreign residents of this city in the common school branches; and, upon his motion, it was referred to a special Committee consisting

of Messrs. Keep, Lothrop and Fuller.

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On motion of Mr. Stevenson, Ordered, That the Sub-Committee of the Latin, High and Normal Schools be authorized to employ a teacher of French pronunciation, at a salary not to exceed the sum of Two hundred Dollars for each school.

French pronunciation in Latin, High & Normal Schools.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, Ordered, That the Committee on Temporary Instruction be directed to inquire and report, whether the 33rd Section of the first chapter of the Regulations ought to be amended in such manner as to provide that the children of parents paying taxes in this city shall not be excluded from the public schools.

Children of parents paying taxes in Boston not to be excluded from the Schools.

Upon nomination of the Sub-Committee of the Bigelow School, Miss Sarah A. Fuller was appointed in that School, as Teacher; - Julia A. M. Baxter, Head Assistant. Martha C. Fuller, Catherine Sears, Elizabeth Curtis, Elizabeth Williams, Emily A. Baxter & Rachel C. Cutter, Assistants. Albert Drake, Music Teacher. Myra S. Butterfield, Teacher of the Branch School.

Bigelow School. Assistant teachers appointed.

Mr. Hall offered the following Order. - Ordered, That Miss Ann Nowell be paid Thirty six Dollars and seventy nine cents, for services rendered as an Assistant Teacher in the Boylston School during the months of March and April last. Referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Boylston School Nowell.

Mr. Sykes offered the following Order: - Ordered,

Lyman School.

Nov. 7th 1864.

Lyman School: French.

That an allowance of fifty Dollars be made to Miss Caroline French, for the services of teacher in the Lyman School. Referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Quincy School: Fisher.

Mr. Randall offered the following Order: Ordered, That the sum of Forty six dollars be paid to Miss Adeline C. Fisher, for services as a teacher in the Quincy School, from Sept. 7th to Oct. 14th - being at the rate of $250 per annum. Referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Bigelow School: Asst's Claim.

Mr. Adams offered the following Order: Ordered, That ten Quarters Salary be allowed and paid to Mr. Frederick Smith, late Master of the Bigelow School, up to Dec. 1st next; said Master having been left out in the annual Election this year. Referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction.

Quincy-Hinckley. Dwight-Greene.

The following were confirmed as Assistant Teachers, - Harriet E. Hinckley in the Quincy School, and Susan E. Greene in the Dwight School.

Nominations. Chapman-Dillon. Dwight-Sutland. Eliot-Shattuck. Hancock-Hoyt. Lyman-Bullfinch & Pratt. Phillips-Vance.

Assistant Teachers were nominated, as follows: - Estelle Dillon, First-Assistant in the Chapman School. E. K. Southard, Teacher of Music in the Dwight School. Emily Shattuck, First-Assistant in the Eliot School. Susan R. Hoyt, Assistant in the Hancock School. M. C. Bullfinch, First Assistant, Louisa Pratt, Teacher of Sewing, in the Lyman School. Clara Vance, Assistant in the Phillips

School. Frances H. Clapp, Assistant in the Quincy School. Nov. 7th, 1834. Quincy - Clapp.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, Voted, That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

The Sub-Committee of the Bowdoin School made a report upon the case of a pupil transferred to that School from the Johnson School, giving the reasons for said transfer. Transfer of a pupil.

On motion of Dr. Russell, Ordered, That a Committee of five members be appointed to consider the expediency of the introduction of a system of Gymnastic Exercises for the use of the pupils of the Schools; and that said Committee be authorized, in connexion with the Sub-Committee of the Normal School, to allow a class of pupils of that School to be instructed in such system, at an expense not to exceed One hundred Dollars. Messrs. Russell, Parkman, Parks, Hunt-leff and Fuller were appointed that Committee. Gymnastic Exercises in the Schools.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Bernard Capen.

Secretary.

Nov. 14th 1854

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Nov. 14th 1854.

Present,- The Chairman and the whole Board except the President of the Common Council, and Messrs. Thorndike, Parkman, Robinson, Lincoln, Fogg and Drake.

Tempory Instn Com.te Report;- Relating to Miss Lowell of the Boyston School.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred an Order of the 7th inst. providing for the payment of Thirty six dollars and ten cents to Miss Lowell, for service at the Boyston School, Report;- That the number of scholars was temporarily larger than could be accommodated in the School-house; and that Miss Nowell was appointed to take charge of a class in another building. That lady served from the 9th of March to the 1st of May. The Committee think that the Order ought to pass. For the Committee, P. Thomas Stevenson, Chairman. The Report was accepted and the Order adopted.

Temporary Instruction: Com.te Report; Relating to Miss French, of Eyman School.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred an Order of the 7th inst. providing for the payment of Fifty dollars to Miss Caroline French, Report- That Miss French having been elected, in August, for the Girls department of the Eyman School, Miss French was called upon by the Sub Committee to render important extra services. The Committee, therefore, Report that the Order

ought to be adopted. For the Committee, J. Thomas Stevenson, Chairman. The Report was accepted and the Order adopted. — Nov. 14th 1854.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction to whom was referred an Order of the 7th inst. providing for compensation to Miss Adeline E. Fisher, Report- That that lady was an Assistant Teacher in the Quincy School; that she served faithfully from Sept. 7th to Oct. 19th, when she resigned her place and was honorably discharged. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Order should be adopted. — Temp. Instruc^n.- Comm^ee Report;- Salary to Miss Fisher, of Quincy School.

For the Committee, J. Thomas Stevenson, Chair^n.
The Report was accepted and the Order adopted.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred an Order of the 7th inst, proposing the payment of an extra Quarter's Salary to Mr. Frederick Coates, Report- That the Order ought not to pass. For the Committee, J. Thomas Stevenson, Chair^n. The Report was accepted and the Order rejected. — Temp. Instruc^n.- Comm^ee Report;- Gratuity to Fred^k Coates.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, who were limited by an Order of the Board to distribute the amount appropriated by the City Council in aid of the Evening Schools for Adults, have attended to that duty and Report- That the amount appropriated for the purpose specified was Twelve Hundred Dollars, which has been distributed as follows: To the Warren St. School, Four hundred and twenty five — Eve^g Schools for Adults:- Report Com^ee on Temp. Instruction on distribution of money in aid of;-

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Sellers ($425.) To the Fifth St. School, Five hundred and twenty-five Dollars ($375.00) To the Thomas St. School, Two hundred Dollars ($200.00) To the Shawmut Avenue School, Two hundred Dollars ($200.00)

For the Committee, J. Thomas Stevenson, Chairman.

Accepted.

Book Committee Report. Colburn's Arithmetic. American School Hymn Book.

The Book Committee having had presented to them by the publishers, "Colburn's Arithmetic" for consideration, and introduction into our schools, would respectfully state to the Board that they have examined the same with due care; and, although they do not find any new principle developed, yet they must confess that the arrangement is somewhat more concentrated to simplify the subject to the mind of the child; and by the introduction of shorter and more rapid processes, to save much time in learning Arithmetic.

It is thought, too, that the reasoning powers will be better and more fully developed by the constant practice of the rules laid down in this book, than by any former known method. An experiment, also—not indeed a very thorough one—has been tried with this book at our Normal and Model Schools, and with very considerable promise of success.

Your Committee, however, do not feel authorized, with their present imperfect information on the subject, to go so far as to recommend the introduction of this book to the exclusion of others now in the Schools; yet, as the plan has seemed to them to give so much

promise of real improvement, they would venture to propose for acceptance the following Order- Ordered. That Palmer's Arithmetic be introduced into our schools as a text-book, either in place of, or in connexion with, any of the other books on Arithmetic now used, at the discretion of the Sub-Committees, in consultation with the Masters. Nov. 14th 1854.

Another book also presented for acceptance to your Committee, by Crosby, Nichols & Co. its publishers, is the "American School Hymn Book." This little book your Committee also carefully examined, and find the hymns well selected and entirely unexceptionable. Your Committee believe that it would be a desirable acquisition to the singing and devotional department of our schools. Yet, as this is the last stated meeting of this Board, and the municipal year is about drawing to its close, and as no necessity appears for its immediate introduction, your Committee would simply recommend it to the special attention of the Board for the next year. All which is respectfully represented by J. B. Adams, for the Com. on Books.

The question being upon the Order it was not adopted. The Report was accepted.

Mr. Sykes offered the following Order and moved a suspension of the Rules for its adoption. The rule was suspended and the Order was adopted:- Ordered, That the salary of the First Assistant in the Grammar Schools be allowed to the first female teacher in the Boys' department of the Lyman School; Latin [illegible] first [illegible] assistant-

Jan. 14th 1834. Prov. School.

Transfer of a pupil; Report of Committee:-

Mr. Skinner presented a report from the Std Committee of the Boylston and Eliot Schools, relative to the transfer of a pupil from the former to the latter, giving the reasons said transfer. The action of the Std Committee was confirmed by the Board.

High School for Girls Report of Committee.

Mr. Lowell presented the Report of the Special Committee on the subject of a High School for Girls (see City Doc. No. 80.)

Mr. Tufts offered the following as substitutes for the Orders submitted by the Committee;- Ordered, That it is expedient to organize a High School for Girls, in conformity with the foregoing recommendations.

Ordered. That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Normal School Committee and four others, to organize a High School for Girls, conformably, in accordance with the foregoing Report; and, to submit their plan, for approval, to this Board, at an early meeting of the Board.

The Report was accepted. The question then being upon the Orders offered by Mr. Tufts, they were adopted; and, to the Normal School Committee, consisting of Messrs. Russell, Thorndike and Norcross, Messrs. Lowell, Parks, Randall and Skinner were added.

Annual Report

Dr. Russell, Chairman of the Committee to make the Annual Examinations, presented the Report of that Committee, which was accepted, and, on mo-

tion of Mr. H. Stevenson, Voted, That the usual number of copies be printed for distribution. — Nov. 14th, 1854. Order to print.

The following Orders - That Miss Horton, Assistant in the Chapman School, be allowed Forty six Dollars for unpaid services:- That Miss F. Clapp, an Assistant Teacher of the Chapman School, be allowed the sum of Twenty-two Dollars for unpaid services, - were referred to the Committee on Temporary Instruction. — Chapman School. Miss. Horton. & Miss Clapp.

Phineas G. Parmenter was nominated as Sub-Master in the Hancock School. — Hancock School. Parmenter.

Charles Butler was nominated as Music Teacher in the Quincy School. — Quincy School. Butler.

L. Ellen Sprague was confirmed as Assistant Teacher in the Johnson School. — Johnson School. Sprague.

And the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Nov. 28. 1854.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, 28th Nov. 1854.

Present,

The Chairman and the whole Board except the President of the Common Council, and Messrs. Cox, Swindike, Sykes, Bates, Workman and Robinson.

High School for Girls. Report of Committee on:-

Mr. Lowell, Chairman of the special Committee appointed at the last meeting to report a plan for the organization of a High School for Girls, presented the Report of that Committee, (see City Doc. No. 80) embracing Regulations for the School, and the following Orders:- Ordered, That the foregoing Report be accepted, and that the plan therein recommended be adopted as the organization of the High School for Girls, when established.

Orders adopted.

Ordered, That the Chairman be requested to transmit to the City Council the foregoing Reports, with the request that they pass the necessary votes to carry the same into effect. Read, accepted and the Orders passed.

Report, Com^ee on Temporary Instruction. Bill of Miss Morton, of Chapman School.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred an Order of the 11th inst. proposing a payment of forty six dollars to Miss Mary E. Morton, for services in the Chapman School, Report, That, during the temporary absence of Mr. Jenks, the Master of that School, Miss Morton was employed by the authority of the Sub-Committee as a substitute.

The rules require that, when a substitute is em-

ployed, the amount of compensation to such substitute shall be withheld from the salary of the absentee.- But, in the present instance, Mr. Perkins seems to have drawn the full amount of his salary, and not to have paid Miss Morton the amount properly due to her.- It seems to the Committee that Miss Morton ought not to sustain a loss in consequence of the error in the overpayment of the ushers salary; and, therefore recommend that the order be passed.-

For the Committee, J. Thos Stevenson, Chairman.-

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Nov. 28th 1854.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, to whom was referred an Order of the 14th inst., proposing the payment of Twenty five Dollars to Miss A. Clapp, in addition to the Chapman School, Report,- That, during the temporary absence of Mr. Perkins, the Writer, Miss Clapp was transferred to a different room from that in which she was serving;- that, upon the occasion of his resignation, Miss Clapp was promoted.

Com^e on Temporary Instruction recommendation to pay Miss Clapp, Chapman School.

The Committee has failed to see any cause for additional allowance, and, therefore, recommends that the order be rejected. For the Committee,

J. Thos Stevenson, Chairman.

Read, accepted, and the Order rejected.

The special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of E. B. Schwarz and others, respectfully Report: That they have given the subject of the petition such

Instruction of foreign adults. Report of

Jan. 25. 1834.
Committee on communication of L. R. Elliott

attention as may be practicable.

Your Committee have reason to believe that there are some hundreds of persons, of both sexes, who have come amongst us in youth or early manhood, not ignorant of Letters or of Books, but totally ignorant of the English language. The opportunities are at present offered for Public Instruction suitable for this class of persons. The require teachers competent to translate German, French, and other European languages into English.

Your Committee are informed that sixty persons are ready to avail themselves of such instruction as they need; that more may be expected to join them when it shall be known that such instruction and advantages are provided.

Your Committee are informed that suitable, well-qualified teachers can be procured without delay. The Committee take pleasure in stating that several citizens have expressed their interest and sympathy in this object, offering, at the same time, some pecuniary aid to begin the work.

Your Committee feel that they need not enlarge on the importance to these individuals that they should, as soon as possible, learn enough of our language to enable them to get employment, or the importance to our community that their labor be made available; thereby diminishing the danger of their becoming the victims of vice or pauperism; and increasing the product of their

becoming useful and honorable citizens. For the Committee, Nov. 28. 1854.

N. C. Keep, Chairman.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Order:- Ordered, That this Board approves of the establishment of a school where those who understand foreign European languages may learn English by the aid of teachers able to translate such languages into English; and that, when so organized this Board will aid said school in the same manner as other existing adult schools are aided, by such appropriations as the City Council may make for the object.

(Signed) N. C. Keep
J. W. Lothrop
J. D. Philbrick

Order adopted.

Read, accepted, and the Order adopted.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, Ordered, That the Superintendent of the Public Schools is directed to make his Annual Report, in print to the next Board.

Superintendent to report to next Board.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, Voted, That the two reports on the subject of a High-School for Girls be printed for transmission to the City Council.

Order to print Report on High-School for Girls.

Mr. Haskins gave notice that he should move, at the next meeting, a reconsideration of the vote by which the Order submitted by the Committee on the communication of E. B. Stimpson was adopted.

Notice of reconsideration

Nov. 28. 1854. Dr. Lothrop moved that the vote on the reconsideration be taken at the present time. It was so taken, and lost.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Dec. 29th, 1854. A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Friday, Dec. 29th, A. D. 1854.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board, except the President of the Common Council and Messrs. Rhoades, Lothrop, Stevenson, Perkman, Skinner, Randall, Parks and Fogg.

Teachers confirmed. Upon nomination of the respective Sub-Committees the following teachers were confirmed: viz,

Bunker. Augusta M. Swan, Assistant in the Bunker School.

Eliot. Abby A. Marsh, Head Assistant, & Emily J. Shattuck,

Eyman. Assistant, in the Eliot School. Mary F. Sage, First Assistant in Eyman School for Boys. Eliza F. Russell & Clara M. Crosby, Assistants in the same School.

Hayden. Robert Swan, Sub-Master in the Hayden School. Susan M. Perring, Almira Bird, Martha E. Towne,

Winthrop. Head Assistants in the Winthrop School.

Teachers not confirmed. The following teachers were nominated: viz,

Quincy & Dickerman. Notice in the Mayhew School, commencing Dec. 4th — Mrs. Harriet H. Hosmer, commencing Dec. 7th and Eliza J. Reed, commencing Dec. 26th, Assistants in the Winthrop School. — Dec. 29th, 1854. Mayhew Sch. Winthrop Sch.

On motion of Dr. Russell, Ordered, That the Sub-Committee of the Normal School be authorized to transfer the pupils of the Model School to the Grammar Schools of the Sections in which they respectively reside, at such time as may be found most convenient. — Model School: transfer of pupils.

Mr. Bates offered the following Order: - Ordered, That the School Regulations be so modified as to authorize His Honor the Mayor, to announce that New-Years day will be a holiday for the Public Schools. A motion, made by Dr. Huskins, to lay the Order upon the table, was not adopted. The Order was then adopted. — New Years day

The joint Committee of the Johnson and Winthrop Schools who were appointed by vote of this Board of Aug. 15th, 1854, a Special Committee with full powers to carry into effect the measures of the Board in the reorganization of these two Schools, respectfully Report: - That the New House is now nearly completed, and that they have organized the School by the appointment of two additional Head Female Assistants. - Their increased salaries to commence on the first day of January next. The Assistants rank as follows: - 1st Head-Assistant. — Johnson & Winthrop Schools Report of the Joint Committee on.—

Dec. 29th 1851 Susan A. H. Loring. 2nd Do. Rebecca P. Bang. 3rd Do. Almira Paul. 4th Do. Martha E. Towne.

The School thus organized will have one Master, four Head Female Assistants - being one for each floor of the House, - and ten Female Assistants.

This organization dispenses with the necessity of appointing a Sub-Master, and is entirely satisfactory to your Committee and the Master of the School.

Respectfully submitted. Samuel H. Bates, for Com.

Read and accepted.

Report, Com. on Temp. Instruction. Children of parents paying taxes in the City, not to be excluded from the Schools.

The Committee on Temporary Instruction, who were directed, by an Order adopted Nov. 7th, to inquire and report whether the Thirty-third Section of the First Chap. of the Regulations ought to be amended in such manner as to provide that the children of parents who pay taxes in this city shall not be excluded from the Public Schools - Report, That it is inexpedient to take any action upon the subject at the present time.

For the Committee, N. C. Keep.

Read and accepted.

Death of Dr. Samuel Parkman

Dr. Russell offered the following: -

Resolved, - That, as members of this Board, we have learned with deep regret of the death of our late associate Dr. Samuel Parkman. Resolved, - That, during the year of his connection with this Board, his sincere interest in the prosperity and success of our schools, and his conscientious performance of the duties of his office, have commanded our highest respect; and that, in his death, the schools have lost an able and judicious

friend, and this Board an efficient and valued mem- Dec. 29th, 1874.
ber. Resolved - That, in the character of Dr. Park-
man, we have recognized an integrity and upright-
ness of purpose, and an earnest devotion to truth
and duty, which won for him our highest confidence
and esteem, and gave the highest promise of a life
of usefulness and honor; and that we regard the
decease of such a man as a severe loss to our com-
munity. Resolved, That the Secretary be directed
to record these Resolutions, and to transmit a copy
of them to the family of the deceased, as an expres-
sion of our sympathy and respect.

Read, and adopted unanimously.

Dr. Adams offered the follow- Thanks
ing:- Resolved, That the thanks of the School Com- to the
mittee be presented to His Honor the Mayor, for Chairman.
for the able, impartial and satisfactory manner
in which he has presided over the deliberations of this
Board during the year which is now about to close.

Read, and passed unanimously.

The Board then dissolved.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Medals awarded to Boys.

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Latin. 6

Joshua G. Kins
H. P. G. Bartlett
Henry L. Patten
Samuel R. Ellis
Thomas Reed
William Everett

Eng. High.

Henry C. Draper 6
James D. Wyman
Geo. Brooks
Samuel H. Randall
George A. Capt
H. P. Harding

Boylston. 5

George W. Pierce
Samuel A. Clough
Charles H. Le Baron
John B. Caden
Edwin P. Harding

Brimmer. 10

William E. Sheridan
John B. Manning
Charles W. Whittington
Charles F. Smith
Daniel J. Dugan
Henry H. Whittman
Charles H. Robbins
Horace Blaney
William H. Britton
Lemuel L. Crocker Jr.

Chapman. 5

John C. Fitton
Andrew M. Morton
Charles H. Goddard
Patrick J. Dunn
M. F. F. Morey

Dwight. 7

Marcellus L. Clay
Frank W. Rhoades
William F. Bacon
Stinson H. Bailey
William A. Cole
Willard H. Reed
Samuel Copeland

Eliot. 12

Charles S. Bowden
Thomas W. Brown Jr.
Francis E. Cutter
Edw. P. Devitt
Joseph F. Dyke
Charles W. Harris
Ruben Kidder
Frederick Jennings

John L. C. Kern
William H. H. Shaw
Joseph B. Shute
Albert W. Spence

Hawes 6

Charles O. L. Dillaway
Graham Pope
George B. Cark
Andrew Paul
William Burns
Charles S. Bowes

Lyman 5

Charles C. Soule
Everett Burnham
John D. Sweat
William L. Crane
Curtis W. Leland

Mather 4

Henry A. Huff
Francis Savage
Henry C. Quaid
Henry A. Rowell

Mayhew 8

Fred'k B. Allen
Seth A. Fowle
Frank H. Cushman
Walter W. Nourse
Henry A. Perkins
William F. Perkins
Edward A. Pearson
Edward W. Schultes

Phillips 7

Otis L. Bonney
Charles E. Barker
Albert K. Crosby
Charles E. Eaton
William D. Anderson
John L. Kelliher
Charles P. Litchfield
George W. Boynton
Charles H. Barrett

Quincy 12

George E. Brown
George M. Cook
Joseph F. Hammond
William E. Kearsey Jr.
Edwin R. Jones
Elmer A. Messinger
Frederick A. Mullin
Alfred P. Mayo
Taylor P. Rundlett
Robert Steele Jr.
Francis F. Stone
George F. Worcester.

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Bigelow 6

Martha E. Newmarch
Maria E. Abbot
Mariam F. Gill
Eleanor E. Russell
Sarah E. Eaton
Ada B. Taylor

Bowdoin 11

Mary A. E. Adams
Catharine B. Clark
Sarah A. Craft
Catharine Fuller
Sarah A. Griffin
Emily K. Hathaway
Elizabeth B. Holmes
Caroline A. Lamb
Julia E. Moses
Ann E. Parker
Lillie E. Whiting

Boylston 4

Eliza A. King
Anna M. Desmond
Catharine A. Fenby
Sarah F. Ingalls

Chapman 6

Fanny Ellis
Sarah F. Bosworth
Hattie R. Tucker
Sarah F. Butler
Lydia A. Lewis
Eliza W. Tuttle

Dwight 5

Charlotte Smith
Anna F. Halstick
Caroline A. Fenald
Clara L. Wilkins
Henrietta R. Andrews

Franklin 10

Margaret Batterman
Sarah L. Kelton
Sarah P. Mitchell
Lucy P. Bany
Georgianna Merrill
Harriet E. Eaton
Helen M. Freeman
Henrietta B. Madigan
Ellen E. Lynch
Sarah M. Hunt

Hancock 11

Mary E. Bowden
Eliza A. Swift
Emma P. Nichols
Mary E. Richardson
Selina F. Nelson

Abbie E. Pulsifer
Lucy E. Hammond
Emma E. Pierce
Sophronia K. Main
Mary A. Leys
Rebecca W. Hitchings

Johnson 8

Martha J. Coolidge
Mary A. Sylvester
Elizabeth Taylor
Charlotte Peabody
Susan M. Francis
Ellen Richardson
Sarah E. Wanna
Anna E. Tedston

Lyman 6

Roxana Burg
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